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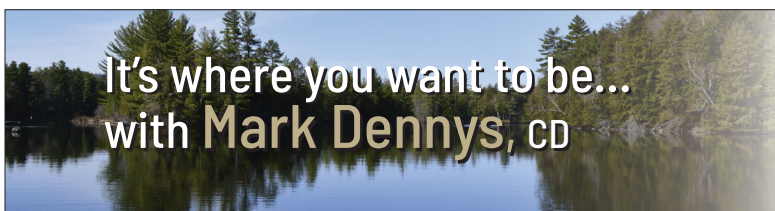
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HHSS students join province-wide walkout

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

At precisely 1:15 p.m. on April 4, the front doors of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School opened and more than 50 students walked out of class to protest changes being made to the province's education system by the PC government that include proposed increased class sizes, mandatory e-learning modules, changes to OSAP including the free tuition currently offered to low-income families, a classroom cellphone ban and potential teacher job cuts.

The province-wide walkout, which was intended to last until 2:15 p.m. that day, saw thousands of students participating across Ontario in the student-led movement. Locally, the walkout was

organized by Grade 12 HHSS student and TLDSB student representative Chloe Samson, who said she was inspired by a fellow G7 rep at LCVI in Lindsay who was organizing that school's walkout. Samson created an Instagram page for the local walkout, and registered the school in the provincial walkout online database.

"Today I was really hoping to get a lot of students," said Samson as the walkout began and the crowd of students gathered by the side of the road in front of the train located on the school property. "Some students who are coming here were saying, 'oh, it's not going to make a difference.' So I'm trying to tell them ... it's not so much [about] making a difference right now, it's having a voice and showing that we all believe in something."

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Haliburton Rideshare comes to an end

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Rideshare, a project of the Rural Transportation Options committee, has ended.

"After running for several years, Haliburton Rideshare requires a dedicated staff and resources to properly continue its growth," reads a release from RTO. "Unfortunately, at this point, there are insufficient funds and energy for that work to be done."

The Haliburton Rideshare website, a

forum for county residents to arrange for carpooling, operated for about three years, and was part of a community transportation project by RTO, funded largely through grants from the MTO.

"Rural Transportation Options, having worked tirelessly for almost nine years to improve transportation options within Haliburton County, has tapped into provincial, federal and local funds, expertise and knowledge to advance the transportation agenda," the RTO release reads. "The issue of transportation is overwhelming, complex and touches many

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Riding into spring

A rider pedals up an incline on the road back to the ski hill after completing a route during the Slush Fest Fat Bike Day at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, located in Eagle Lake. The event opened up the hill to fat bike - mountain bikes with over-sized tires - riders from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and included the use of the "carpet lift." With 60 riders, the event is already being considered for next year. See more photo on page 22. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Students voice concerns over changes to education

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Samson said the cuts to education that might see teachers lose their jobs, and the increase in class sizes, were worrisome, as well as potential losses to the educational assistant team, which help her peers access education.

"They're looking at maybe, who knows, it could be up to seven teachers cut from the school," she said. "It's just a random number. But if teachers are cut, it's going to affect so many students, learning styles, and upping the amount of students in a classroom, it doesn't seem fitting for any school, especially a smaller school. I think it's going to really affect us negatively, especially with a lot of students with learning disabilities, and we know we have low scores with EQAO, so I think we need more teachers, not less."

In an interview with the *Echo* prior to the walkout, fifth year HHSS student Madeline Hopkins said students had discussed the policy changes in leadership class.

"We spoke about it in class, just students without teachers, and we discussed how in order for us to start some type of change, it has to start at the roots of who it is affecting, the students and the parents," said Hopkins. "And so yes, school boards and teachers, they can say what they want to say, but it's also just as important, equally important, to have the students and the parents speaking and demonstrating how they feel."

Samson and Hopkins said in their experience, an increase in class size would be detrimental, with Hopkins noting her Grade 10 English class had 35 students in it, "and it was awful."

"It's the same, whether or not I was an A student or a D student, I still have tons of questions that I want answered," she said. "In a class of 35, there's a huge spectrum of the abilities of the students that are in that class, and different learning styles."

Samson said Minister of Education Lisa Thompson's statement about larger classrooms leading to more resilient students was not fair.

"Resiliency is her going around it, honestly, because a lot of students, for me personally, I am not an A student," she said. "And I have a different learning style, I need to speak to the teacher to fully comprehend things because when I am just given the information, like the teacher does when they're teaching, that's not enough for me, I need more. And there are plenty of students who have a similar learning style to me, [larger class sizes are] just putting them all at a disadvantage when they could be learning better."

Hopkins said the physical space in the classrooms suggests they are not intended to hold so many students.

"Our science labs, they're not big enough to hold classes that are that big," she said. "That's obviously not



At 1:15 p.m. on April 4, more than 50 HHSS students walked out of class for an hour, joining province-wide student-led walkouts to oppose provincial government policy changes to education, including increased class sizes, teacher job cuts, mandatory e-learning and education funding cuts, among other changes. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

as relevant as other issues that we're facing, but it's just going to be a hard shift."

The HHSS students also said the four mandatory online classes proposed by the government were not suited to the Haliburton community, and would be difficult for some students without access to computers, high-speed internet, or transportation to get to and from the library, to complete.

"And with online courses, there's a huge disconnect between the teacher and the student," said Hopkins. "Most of us have taken at least one online course, and it's not ideal. You can't have one-on-one's with the teacher. Online courses are tailored for one specific type of learning, pretty much, so if you need to be able to speak with the teacher, need other resources, it's very hard to get them." Prior to the change, the students said it was difficult to get approval for online courses.

"And that was for a reason," said Grade 12 HHSS student Josie Quigley. "It's because online courses aren't ideal for most students, they don't work for a lot of students. It requires an insane amount of organization and time management that I don't think most Grade 9s have developed yet."

The students also worried out loud about the potential to lose expertise with teacher cuts, and said they think the teacher-student ratio is "right on the brink."

The April 4 HHSS walkout was peaceful, with students working to make the most impact with their signs on passing vehicles. Some signs read, "you can't spell TEAM without an EA," in a nod to educational assistants, one read, "education is an investment, not a cost," one read, "strong education equals strong economy," and one suggested there were jobs available at the race-track in a nod to the Ford government's announcement to invest \$10 million per year in Ontario's horse racing industry.

Photos of the walkout posted to the *Echo's* Facebook page resulted in comments that praised the students for taking a stand and some that also accused the students of being coerced into the walkout by their teachers, none who were at the scene of the protest last Thursday.

One comment said, "I spoke to tons of students. Most were unaware of the politics, just liked the idea of not being in class for a little while, don't leverage them for leftist agenda."

One comment read in part, "Students have a right to make a statement about the state of education in the province of Ontario and [Premier] Doug Ford needs to be stopped. All great change has been brought about through public action."

Prior to the walkout, responding to adults criticizing the students, Samson said: "Honestly, everyone's free to their own opinion and I respect everyone for say-

ing what they believe in, but I think that is completely wrong. We are here to make noise to show that we have a voice and to just represent what we believe in, and our rights. It's OK for them to say they don't believe in this, and it's OK for us to do what we want to do, because we believe we are doing something that's correct, and right, and hopefully it's going to send a proper message."

Minister of Education Lisa Thompson issued a statement on April 4 at 5:20 p.m., following the walkout.

"Today is a disappointing day for Ontario's parents and students," reads the statement. "On a day when we reached out to begin good-faith consultations with Ontario's teachers, we instead are seeing Ontario teachers' unions condoning a student walkout at schools across the province. We know teachers' unions organized student walkouts under the previous government. I'm concerned we may be seeing the same thing now as teachers' unions are clearly not discouraging this stunt."

Thompson said, "over half of Ontario's sixth grade students are failing to meet an acceptable standard on their math tests," and said teachers' unions "have offered no solution to the math crisis." She said teachers were enabling students to skip classes rather than focusing on math.

"And even when students are in class, too many teachers are choosing to use students as a captive audience for their union's political agenda."

Thompson said the provincial government is renewing Ontario's curriculum to ensure students have math, science and financial literacy skills, and had passed legislation that will require teachers to complete a math content knowledge test.

"In the meantime, I want to remind parents that, should they be concerned about their child's safety because of any union support of the walkout, they always have the option to contact the Ontario College of Teachers, which is the regulatory body responsible for teacher misconduct."

"...I want everyone in Ontario to know that we are prepared to take action to give parents peace of mind that no one will ever use our children as a captive audience or bargaining chip as part of their union's political games."

Samson said Thompson's statement was "upsetting and unsettling."

"Teachers are not using us for their own political agenda," she wrote to the *Echo* following the walkout. "They are supporting and looking out for their students that they know more personally than say the Minister of Education knows each student. [The provincial government has] a warped agenda to get students back to the levels and scores they perhaps once were by going back to the old way of teaching but they do not realize that today is a new age and things are evolving. Nothing is staying the same and things need to advance, not go back ... Everybody is entitled to their own opinion but I do not support hers."

HHSS vice-principal David Waito said prior to the event, the school would encourage students to consider alternatives to the walkout, such as writing to their local MPP or the Minister of Education. He said students were not encouraged to leave class, but acknowledged their right to peacefully protest. All students who participated in the walkout were marked absent from class.

Samson thanked the students for "gathering and leaving the classes respectfully and returning after the walkout finished respectfully, but also protesting with all their hearts."

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RCMP to review ATV collision that killed Welland teen

The RCMP will be looking into the death of Welland, Ont., teenager Jake Hughes, who died in 2012 when the ATV he was on collided with a gate north of Haliburton.

Jake, 19, was on the ATV with another teenager. The OPP concluded that Jake was driving the ATV when the collision happened, however, Jake's parents raised issue with the investigation after identifying inconsistent information about what happened that day.

Sam and Pearl Hughes contacted the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, which then had the Peel Regional Police Service conduct a review of the original OPP investigation. That review led to a disciplinary hearing, which examined gaps in the way the investigation was conducted as well as procedural issues.

Now, the RCMP says it will also be reviewing the collision.

"At the request of the OPP, the RCMP is conducting a thorough and independent review of the fatal collision involving Jake Hughes in 2012. The review includes the totality of the case, and the RCMP has access to all previous investigative steps taken, the evidence gathered, and the findings of previous reviews," a statement from the RCMP to the *Echo* reads.

The RCMP did not provide answers as to when the review would be complete. The Hughes family told the CBC's Fifth Estate that the RCMP had told them the review would be done June 1.

The investigative news program aired a segment on Jake Hughes and the police investigation on Sunday, April 7. It can be found online at www.cbc.ca/fifth.

Jenn Watt, Staff

Haliburton County Rideshare website parked for now

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different sectors. Rural Transportation Options was determined to make a difference in this area and both researched and considered what was needed within Haliburton County."

"Matched with the number of empty passenger seats that are often found in personal vehicles, ridesharing was quickly determined to be the 'low hanging fruit' when considering how to use existing assets to help folks get around," the release continues. "Carpooling was already a familiar activity for most residents; the Rideshare initiative strived to expand those carpooling circles and help folks travelling in similar directions connect to share rides."

The Haliburton Rideshare website had about 200 registered users.

"While focus was on providing a successful virtual platform for people to connect to share rides, the overall intent of the Rideshare initiative was to prompt people to consider ridesharing more often as well as to cause community groups to begin encouraging their own members and participants to rideshare," the release reads.

The release notes the components of the website have been archived, should a group in the future wish to revive it.

Haliburton County council commissioned a transportation implementation plan for a booked, shared ride service within the municipality. However, it remains unclear at this time whether council intends to initiate such a system, and council is scheduled to discuss the matter this month.



Linda Robertson, left, and Wendy Connelly of The Country Hot Flashes croon to the crowd at the Haliburton County Folk Society's sixth annual Homemade Stew concert on April 6. / CHAD INGRAM Staff



Music lovers feast on annual showcase

Cassidy Glecoff and Friends (Lucas Bortolussi, Marques Bortolussi and Spencer Devolin) play some songs co-written by Glecoff. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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Wait list for financially assisted housing growing

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Staff Reporter

The wait list for financially assisted housing in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes is growing quickly.

Since 2013, the list has almost quadrupled, increasing by 375 per cent, "which is quite substantial, and concerning," Michelle Corley, program supervisor with the City of Kawartha Lakes' housing help division, told Haliburton County councillors during a meeting in late March.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is the social services manager of the county, responsible for overseeing housing and homelessness programming.

There are some 1,700 households on that waiting list, nearly 700 of them singles or couples, 600 of them seniors and about 375 of them families. The greatest demand is for one-bedroom units.

A number of market conditions have contributed to the wait list's growth. Housing prices have increased during the past six years, and new mortgage rules with stricter criteria and larger down payments have made homeownership more difficult for some.

"That is contributing to more stress on the rental market," Corley said.

Because there is a limited supply of rental accommodations in the area, it means the price of rentals has also increased. All of these factors mean that those who live in financially assisted housing accommodations are staying put

longer.

"They're moving out less frequently than they used to," Corley.

Less turnover means a growing list of people waiting to get into financially assisted housing.

Currently, the wait time for Haliburton County residents is about three and a half years for those on the list, about five for those in Lindsay. Someone putting their name on the list today could wait as long as seven years. County residents comprise 20 per cent of the waiting list, or 337 households. Of those, 160 are seniors, 120 are households with no dependents and 51 are households with dependents.

To keep up with demand, ideally, 75 new affordable units would need to be constructed within the county each year, with 48 of them being one-bedroom

units. The city is setting new targets as it updates its 10-year housing and homelessness plan.

"We can only achieve some of these targets with the co-operation of all levels of government," Corley said.

While municipalities can offer incentives to private developers to create affordable housing – provision of land, waiving or reducing property taxes, waiving building and permit fees, reducing parking space requirements, etc. – private builders are still often reluctant to construct affordable housing buildings since the profit margins are too low. Therefore, most of the affordable housing projects in the community, such as the second phase of Pinegrove Place development near the Minden arena, are constructed with government funding.

Porter Airlines will fly into Muskoka, offering new commute option to city

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Toronto-based airline Porter Airlines will be offering flights this summer between Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and Muskoka Airport.

The approximately 30-minute flight will bring passengers from downtown Toronto to Muskoka starting for close to \$200 depending on the grade of seat chosen. Prices fluctuate. Four flights a week, two departing Toronto on Thursday afternoon and two departing Muskoka on Monday mornings will begin June 27 and end Sept. 3.

Kim McBrien Evans of indigodragonfly studio, a Haliburton County-based hand-dyed yarn and fabric retailer, said the service could be useful.

"We (and many) residents can't use the service as we are working here in Haliburton. Even expanding to shoulder seasons means we can more easily get away as needed, instead of having to essentially plan two day trips just to get somewhere by plane," she wrote in an email to the paper.

She said it could also be an option for her students, who participate in her summer workshop offerings and future events at the indigodragonfly studio, which is located close to West Guilford.

Pasi Posti of Positive Media, a marketing media production company, said he would also use the airline for business and for personal reasons.

"I'd fly it for both, to be honest. Anything to help avoid the 400 series traffic that simply sucks the life out of you. For pleasure, it's always a negative having to face the drive to the GTA, and for business it makes for a much more arduous travel day. There really isn't a traffic free time in Toronto anymore and anything that can help alleviate a hurried trip to the airport would not only leave you in a better state mentally, [but also] get you to your gate on time ... I could see it as an experience as well where I could make a weekend of it downtown Toronto without the need for a vehicle, [so] why not?" he wrote in a message.

Although the cost for even a basic seat can be expensive, Posti said it was worth it.

"It all comes down to calculating costs, travel time and quality of life. There's much more that can cost you driving than by grabbing a flight. Travel is travel and whatever means can get you there quicker

so that you can have more time to work or play is sound logic in my books," he wrote.

Although the drive to the Muskoka Airport for Posti is close to 50 minutes, he calculated flying could save close to five hours, minus flight time.

Posti said the distance between downtown Toronto and Haliburton is nothing to underestimate.

"Let's face it, with added traffic (time, fuel, wear and tear) Haliburton is NOT close to Toronto. Tell someone in Toronto that the drive isn't 'that bad' and they look at you like you're silly. We are actually pretty far away from Toronto. Many other cities in the U.S. for example have airports dotting the map, it's just that here we are super trained to just 'do the drive' however that's not always the best action," he wrote. "Last note and it's an important one, I find that I leave an hour or in some cases two hours earlier to the city just in case it's unusually bad with traffic and road conditions. That's the added time waste."

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HHSS lights it up blue

There were plenty of people out for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Light It Up Blue annual bake sale and raffle fundraiser on the World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 2 outside the school office. The event not only helped to raise more than \$2,300 for the HHSS PALS (Practical Academic and Life Skills) students, but also awareness about autism. This coming week faculty members will follow through with challenges related to money raised. /Submitted by Brianne Pockett

Students compete in regional chess championships

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The 2019 TLDSB District Chess Championship showcased the talents of 160 girls and boys from Grade 1 to 8 on Tuesday, April 2 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

Twenty-two players have advanced from the regional event to the 2019 Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships to be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Mississauga Convention Centre.

Locally, the Highlands was well represented by Archie Stouffer Elementary School of Minden, Stuart Baker Elementary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School of Haliburton.

The competition also included nine other schools: Muskoka Falls Public School, Lady Mackenzie Public School, Langton Public School, Alexandra Public School, Community Care Treatment Centre (out of Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes), Monck Public School, Central Senior Public School, Leslie Frost Public School and Scott Young Public School.

Note: Provincial qualifiers in bold

Grade 1

- 1st Mark Highfield, Muskoka Falls
- 2nd Linus Gervais, Stuart Baker
- 3rd Nathan Coe, Monck

Grade 2

- 1st Alexander Lee, Stuart Baker
- 2nd Hawksley Dobbins, Stuart Baker
- 3rd Liam Frith, Archie Stouffer

Grade 3

- 1st Autumn Paugh, Muskoka Falls
- 2nd Drew Bradley, Monck
- 3rd Campbell McCracken, Stuart Baker

Grade 4

- 1st Paddy Dowdell, Alexandra
- 2nd Hayden Runge, Alexandra
- 3rd Nathan Griffith, Alexandra

Grade 5

- 1st Lewis Knox, Alexandra
- 2nd Jayden Lewis, Leslie Frost
- 3rd Jack Watson, Langton

Grade 6

- 1st Liam Rieder, Alexandra
- 2nd Ben Viggers, Langton
- 3rd Haiden Bird, Archie Stouffer

Grade 7

- 1st Ethan Dobson, JDH
- 2nd Cooper Coles, JDH
- 3rd Avery Degeer, JDH

Grade 8

- 1st Quin Lang, Central Senior
- 2nd Jacob Pattinson, Central Senior
- 3rd Evan Armstrong, JDH

With files from Mike Gervais



Stuart Baker Elementary School students Campbell McCracken, left, Alex Lee, Hawksley Dobbins and Linus Gervais, who all finished in the top three in their respective grades and advance to the provincial championship.



Above, Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3 student Mazey Robinson, right, plays an Alexandra Public School student at the 2019 TLDSB District Chess Championship on Tuesday, April 2 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. There were close to 160 girls and boys from Grade 1 to 8 vying for an opportunity to advance to the provincials. The 2019 Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships are to be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. SBES had four students advance to the provincials: Grade 2 Linus Gervais, Grade 2 students Alexander Lee and Grade 2 Hawksley Dobbins and Grade 3 Campbell McCracken. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 students Cooper Lloyd, left, and Evan Armstrong practice between games.



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Respecting students

ONCE AGAIN, the youth in Haliburton County is leading conversation in our community.

Following weeks of climate change protests at the municipal building in Haliburton led by teenager Jürgen Shantz, young people are now raising issue with announced reductions in funding for education.

On Thursday, a large group of high school students rallied in front of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, walking out of class as did thousands of students at other schools across the province to ensure substantial changes to their education don't fly under the radar.

In Ontario, more than 3,400 teaching positions will be lost over four years as teachers retire or move on to other jobs, which will save \$851 million. Class

sizes will necessarily increase to compensate; students are also being mandated to take one online class per year in high school. Changes to funding for students with autism could further stretch school staff.

The students have paid attention to what the government is doing and they're worried – not only about how they will fare with less money to go around, but how their fellow students, teachers and educational assistants will cope.

Although the premier of the province suggested that the students who walked out of class on Friday were pawns of the unions, there were no teachers to be seen at Haliburton Highlands Secondary

School when our reporter attended to cover the demonstration.

Students have insisted that the protest was their response to government plans.

Following Thursday's protest, one Facebook commenter alleged that the teachers' union, not the students, organized the demonstration.

A local high school student replied: "we the students organized this peaceful protest by ourselves. We believe in our future and the kids that will be the future that need the funding for proper education. If OSAP [Ontario Student Assistance Program] gets cut, I do not go to university. If EA funding gets cut, many of my younger friends will not have support to be successful in school. So please, put yourself in our shoes before you accuse our beloved teachers, know that we organized the protest



jenn watt

Editorial

not them."

Instead of dismissing these students, we should be taking note of the issues they deem important. They've done their research and they've put in the work.

This is the next generation – the people who will soon be responsible for creating policy on the environment, economy and education. They are only a few years from voting and only a decade or two from running the whole place. Plus, as they've shown us this past month, they're smart, passionate and willing to step up.

They deserve our attention and respect.



Tracks in the snow

by Darren Lum

Has spring sprung?

MOST PEOPLE will say that when you see a robin it is a sure sign that spring has arrived. I think that when the snowbirds arrive home it is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Welcome home to everyone that enjoyed a few months away from the cold and snow. We missed you!

It seems like the weather has been the topic of conversation for everyone for months. More snow and more cold temperatures have been the forecast forever. But this past weekend we seemed to have broken that forecast trend and warmer temperatures were enjoyed by all. How wonderful to see your neighbours out and about after months of waving to them from behind car windows and snowbanks.

Now that the weather is fairer and everyone has caught spring fever, please join us in downtown Haliburton for a leisurely stroll. We missed you but just maybe we didn't recognize you with that scarf over your face and your hat pulled down low.

With spring comes the time for new growth and new beginnings. Everything seems lighter and brighter and everyone is ready for the new growth that awaits. We are excited that soon the banners that adorn our streets will replace the snowflakes. And with Easter just around the corner, you can enjoy the colourful and celebratory windows on your stroll around downtown.

We are anxiously planning for all of the spring and summer activities and events that we host! Plans are underway for Midnight Mad-

ness and the installation of more sculptures, in collaboration with the Sculpture Forest Committee. And then there are all of the events and festivals taking place in Head Lake Park to look forward to. But the most anticipated event is the start up of the weekly farmers' market every Tuesday in Head Lake Park.

April also signals tax time so please know that H&R Block and several accountants are conveniently located in downtown Haliburton to help you complete your tax returns. CIBC and BMO, Assante Wealth Management and RBC are waiting for you to get your tax returns so they can help you invest your money. Or maybe your tax return is so great that you are thinking of buying real estate. The great news is that all local realtors are located in the heart of downtown.

But as we say goodbye to winter it is important to thank all of the sledgers that made downtown Haliburton their destination this past winter for lunch, groceries, banking, and more. We appreciate your business and are very grateful that you chose us as a destination. Come back this summer to enjoy everything the village has to offer in the summer. Downtown Haliburton is definitely snowmobile friendly.

And lastly, we value your input and feedback as we manage and coordinate all of the activities and promotions in downtown Haliburton. Please visit our website at downtownhaliburton.ca or contact us at haliburtonbia@mail.com to share your thoughts.

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A walk in the parch

ON THE WEEKEND, I bought a food dehydrator. I did this in order to realize my lifelong dream of eating jerky every day. Better still, a dehydrator also allows me to give the gift of jerky whenever an appropriate situation arises.

For the purposes of this column, an appropriate situation can be defined as someone risking their life to save mine or a very generous wedding gift.

Jerky, if I am remembering what I was taught about nutrition correctly, is one of the major food groups, right up there with every barbecued meat and Twizzlers.

Unfortunately, dehydrators can be used for less “healthy” reasons too. Imagine my surprise when I leafed through the last section of the accompanying booklet and discovered a recipe for – and I’m not even sure that I can write this in a family newspaper – “Crispy Kale Chips.”

At first, I thought this must be some sort of horrible, horrible mistake, so I contacted the manufacturer. They told me in no uncertain terms this was actually intentional,

which goes to show that almost any tool can be used for evil if you try hard enough.

It also proves what I suspected all along, you can dehydrate almost anything, so long as it can lay flat enough to fit in the rack. For instance, it turns out my dehydrator also does a passable job at drying damp socks and underwear.

For the record, I have not done this.

I just thought I would demonstrate one of the most useful dehydrator-related phrases you can repeat just before pulling out a package of delicious jerky you do not want to share.

If you immerse yourself enough in dehydrator lore, as I have, you will discover many nuggets of wisdom such as this.

Of course, making great jerky is a fine art and something you should not enter into lightly. History is full of great men who all but destroyed their sterling reputations by serving substandard jerky. Liver Eating Jeremiah Johnson immediately comes to mind.

This is why I am easing myself into dehydrator use. Yesterday, I dehydrated a banana and apples, which will come in handy should I ever be asked at gunpoint to produce a healthy snack.

This little experiment worked out just fine but Jenn complained they were not as dry as she was hoping for. That’s why today I’m buying a bag of raisins so I can show her how successful I was at dehydrating grapes.

I have my pride.

The truth is I did not pay good money just so I could tell you about my dehydrated banana – which is probably a sentence you shouldn’t read out loud.

I want jerky.

And, as any jerky aficionado knows, there are only two kinds of jerky – the non-rhyming and rhyming kind. The former include beef jerky, venison jerky, moose jerky, fish jerky, bison jerky, caribou jerky, elk jerky, antelope jerky, chicken jerky and goose jerky. The latter is turkey jerky – basically, the funniest of all jerkies.

I prefer jerky because it tastes better, plus it’s simpler than dehydrating fruit and vegetables, which often involves blanching or glazing and different temperatures and dehydrating durations.

The process can be far too complex. On the other hand, making jerky is cut and dry.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Here is a pic of the past mystery. Robert Gray would like to know if anyone has details on this photo. Staff at the museum say, based on the garments worn by the people in this photo, it was likely taken between 1890 and 1910. The presence of reading materials may have also been to indicate literacy, which was not always the case at the time. The furniture and background indicate the picture was taken in a studio. Steve Hill from the Haliburton Highlands Museum reminds people of the importance of writing names and dates on the back of photos. If you know who is in this image, contact the *Echo* at 705-457-1037 or email jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

Committee urges council to keep snowmobiles off Highland Street

An open letter to Mayor Roberts and members of Dysart et al council,

In response to the March 5 article in the *Haliburton Echo* “Allowing snowmobiles on Highland Street,” Aging Well Haliburton County respectfully asks that Dysart et al council maintain and enforce the current bylaw.

We agree that something needs to be done. The current situation whereby snowmobiles are driving on sidewalks in Haliburton Village is a practice that cannot be allowed to continue. While it is a safety hazard for all, this issue is especially concerning to members of our group. Winter is a difficult time for Haliburton County seniors, many of whom are also disabled. Even on days when the weather is sunny and mild, the sidewalks may be difficult to navigate, even on Highland Street. Snowmobiles are a dangerous distraction in many ways to those already struggling to walk safely – they’re intimidating as they come toward you, and frightening if they come up on you from behind

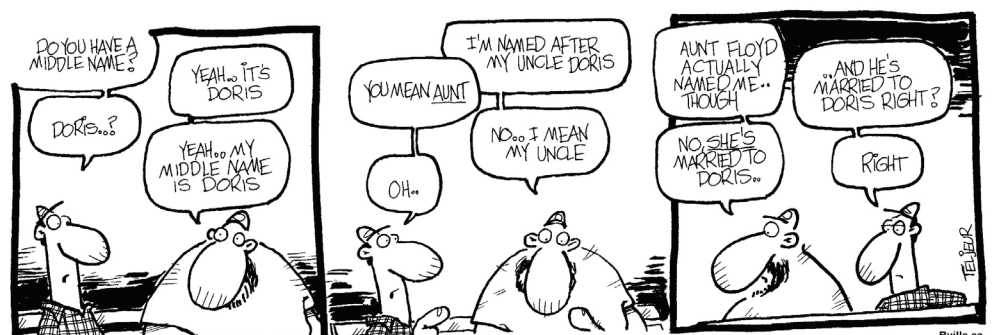
(some hearing-impaired seniors may not even hear them approach).

There are also parts of Highland Street where the sidewalks are too narrow to allow a large snowmobile and people to comfortably pass, and many seniors and physically disabled people cannot just safely step off either side of the sidewalk in winter. Nor should they have to. There are only a small number of motorized vehicles permitted on sidewalks, including electric wheelchairs and medical scooters. There are people in the county who use these – what happens if one of them meets a snowmobile on the sidewalk on Highland Street?

We appreciate the efforts of the bylaw enforcement officer to keep snowmobiles off the sidewalk – the current bylaw restricting their access to the sidewalks absolutely must be enforced. We do realize that snowmobilers bring money to the town in winter, but Haliburton seniors (and other local residents) spend money in the town

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Keep Haliburton age friendly

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year-round. Their safety needs to take priority. Also, the potential damage done by the snowmobiles to the brick type sidewalks can create uneven surfaces for walking – another hazard for older adults and people with disabilities.

We realize that street access is being considered to get snowmobiles off the sidewalk, but we still believe the current bylaw should remain unchanged. Streets in winter pose enough challenges already due to volume of snow, creating difficulty in seeing around and over large snowbanks. As a smaller vehicle, a snowmobile may be less visible. Also, for some of the reasons stated above, adding snowmobiles to the road mix creates a safety hazard for other vehicle drivers and pedestrians trying to cross the street.

We believe that the current accommodation for snowmobiles – the designated park-

ing area in Head Lake Park – is close enough for them to easily access the downtown core. Rather than increasing their access, we encourage council to implement additional enforcement to keep the snowmobilers in this designated area so local pedestrians, other vehicle drivers and the snowmobilers themselves can all be kept as safe as possible.

The Aging Well Committee has worked hard to create an age friendly Haliburton County and received one of the inaugural Ontario Age Friendly Community Recognition Awards in 2018. Please help Haliburton continue to be an age-friendly community by keeping snowmobiles off Highland Street.

**On behalf of Aging Well
Haliburton County,
Sarah Levis, Member
Margery Cartwright, Secretary
Doreen Boville, Chair**

Naming contest a success

To the Editor,

Wow! Thank you to the residents of Haliburton and surrounding areas. A couple of weeks ago I proposed an idea to the *Haliburton Echo* newspaper. I had just finished a painting of your beloved 2616 Locomotive, in celebration of the 100th year that CNR has been serving and thought it might be nice for the residents of Haliburton to name my new piece. I painted her against a wintery background, a bit of realism mixed with a touch of fantasy. The deadline to submit your name suggestions has arrived.

Well I couldn't have received a better response! The varied stories I received were really touching. As well 12 great name suggestions were offered, with the much-appreciated assistance of Jenn Watt and the *Haliburton Echo* newspaper. Thank you so much to all the folks who participated, here are the name suggestions I received. In the order received: Pixaleen - Going Nowhere Fast, and The Haliburton Express; Dale Robinson - Confidence 1; Denise McCluskey - Steel Rail Queen; George Hammerschmidt - Old Smokie; Frank Robertson - Iron Horse; Shannon Robertson - Homeward Bound; Richard Schell - The Old Steam Gem; Perry and Diane Peacock - Dark Night; Caitlin Peacock - Knight Runner; and Monica Gallion - Shadow, and Black Magic.

All the names offered, had careful thought and meaning. My family chose three favourites each, the most voted name was Confi-

dence 1, sent in by Dale Robinson who will receive a framed print of "Confidence 1 - 2616"!

In my appreciation of all the folks who reached out to participate, I would like to give each of you a print that I will arrange for you to pick up at the Rails End Gallery. I will be donating the proceeds of the original to the gallery. In my writeup included with the print, I will list all the names that you imagined for my painting. I am just sorry I cannot include all your interesting stories.

I grew up in Haliburton and now as an adult enjoy visiting the familiar places from my childhood and sharing the experiences with my children. One of their favourites of course is visiting the 2616 Locomotive.

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With the help of the *Haliburton County Echo*, this little project became a success. Thank you, it has been a pleasure!

Cindy Eisenstadt

What do we know about the evacuation of Highland Wood

To the Editor,

It has been more than eight weeks since the evacuation of Highland Wood began. A leaking roof had begun in one wing of the small long-term care residence attached to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services hospital. The calls began to go out to relatives and caregivers. On Feb. 6 and 7 the evacuation was in full swing for all residents.

Some of the difficulties that ensued for staff, for residents and their relatives were:

1. The suddenness.
2. The uncertainty – how much more leaking might occur, how many would be moved, where could they be accommodated.
3. Six residents were placed in the Haliburton/Minden facilities but the remaining 22 residents were placed 80 km or more outside of the county.
4. The adjustment to totally new and generally much larger facilities was very frightening and extremely disorienting to residents, especially those with cognitive difficulties. Most residents didn't know a single

person in their new surroundings.

5. The sudden adjustment required of residents and their families to new nurses, new care staff and a new doctor was a strain. It required considerable advocacy and discussion by family members complicated again by the distances from Haliburton.

These are some of the difficulties staff, families and caregivers are coping with and addressing. It is well known that moves can cause permanent setbacks for our fragile elderly.

Many times in the last months I heard from others, "this is a tragedy," "this should never have happened." Yes, it is tragic. But what do we know as a result? What has been learned? What can be done differently once there is a new roof? What changes can be made to address a different emergency should one occur – a tornado, a fire?

Let's be sure something positive comes from this!

**Terry Hartwick
Chair, Highland Wood Family Council**

Wildlife in your backyard



"I was greeted in the morning a few weeks ago (March 14) by this beautiful owl. What a beauty! The owl was most obliging as he sat there and posed while I took several pictures. I took this one from inside at the kitchen window," writes Mary Johnson of Redstone Lake.



Helen Morris sent in this photo of an eagle near her property in Wilberforce



Cynthia Kocot saw these two chilly herons on the edge of the ice by Patient News on Saturday. Hope it warms up for them soon!

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Volunteer Week



In honour of Volunteer Week, we contacted some of the many local organizations about what volunteers mean to them. Here are their answers:

Questions

1. How many volunteers do you have and what do they do?
2. What elements of your organization would be cut or cancelled without volunteers?
3. What is your message to volunteers?
4. Do you need more volunteers? For what, and how can they sign up?

SIRCH Community Services

1. We have about 30 volunteers. The main volunteer activities are Community Kitchen (where our chef and volunteers make the nutritious meals we give out each year); the Haliburton and Bancroft Thrift Warehouses (where volunteers help test electronics, organize books, etc.) and our board.
2. Definitely Community Kitchen – without our volunteers there would not be the thousands of meals available (free) to residents in need.
3. I was recently told by a woman that when she was in “a very dark place” in her life, and wasn’t eating or going out of her room, the one thing that pulled her out was getting some meals from SIRCH’s Community Kitchen – not because they were food, but because they had been

made by caring people in the community. She felt valued and suddenly felt less alone. As a volunteer you may not always see the direct impact of your contributions but I assure you, they are appreciated more than you know. Thank you all so much for making a difference in this community! We couldn’t do it without you.

4. We have just started a Family Roots project and will be looking for senior volunteers to be trained to do genealogy research. They will each be matched with isolated seniors to help them trace their family trees and get more connected with their extended families and in their community.

Volunteer Dental Outreach

1. Volunteer Dental Outreach is completely volunteer run with the exception of two staff members who are Level II dental assistants needed to assist the volunteer dental professionals and perform necessary administrative functions such as ordering dental supplies and clinic preparation. Currently, we have four dentist volunteers, one denturist, volunteer dental receptionists and all fundraising events are run by volunteers. At the present time we are desperately lacking in dental hygienist volunteers and have a lengthy waiting list of patients needing their teeth cleaned. The number of dentists usually rises in the summertime when there are some dentists who cottage in the region who volunteer. We also have fourth year University of Toronto dental students volunteer and in two years there have been close to 50 students attend the clinic.

2. Our organization would not run at all without volunteers. The clinic runs like any other dental practice which requires a team of people for every dental visit to prepare the room, greet the patient, provide the patient care, rebook appointments, sterilize the equipment and prepare for the next patient. Volunteer Dental Outreach pays for all the overhead expenses of running the clinic and this would not be possible without volunteers to run the clinic and the fundraising events such as the annual Golf Tournament, Bowlathon, Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Fundraiser and recently St. George’s Pancake Dinner.

3. Volunteer Dental Outreach is able to change the lives of people in desperate need of dental treatment due to financial barriers because as volunteers you generously donate your time and talent. We thank you and our grateful patients thank you with smiles and notes every day. We are very proud of what you have and are accomplishing for our less fortunate neighbours.

4. We always welcome dentists and dental hygienists to volunteer with us. Even though we have been doing this since May 2011, we continue to have a waiting list as people continue to call us for help. At the present time we have 40 patients waiting to have their teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist. Any licensed dental hygienist or dentist, or experienced dental office administrative staff, or anyone willing to help at the annual Golf Tournament on Aug. 22 who might be interested in volunteering could call the clinic at 705-457-3111 for more details.

Haliburton and District Lions Club

1. Currently we have 38 members who assist in all phases of fundraising and service to the community. They also form part of an efficient club management.
2. Virtually everything we do. This would be a huge loss to the community.
3. I quote Helen Keller: The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
4. The more members we have, the more service we can provide and share the load. Talk to any Haliburton Lion or send us an email at Haliburtonlions@gmail.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton

1. We have 27 volunteers in our one to one mentoring programs who visit with a child on a weekly basis. They provide consistency, new experiences, friendship, activities, as well as mentoring the child on social aspects of life. We also have another 15 volunteers that sit on the board of directors or assist at fundraising events.
2. The organization would not be able to provide mentoring programs, as all mentors are volunteers.
3. Volunteers are what make communities work. Please continue to volunteer in

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your community, it is healthier because of you!

4. We presently have over 30 children waiting to be matched with a big brother, big sister or big couple and a large number waiting to be matched through our In-School Mentoring program. There are 11 children waiting in Haliburton County alone. These children cannot be served without a volunteer who will meet with them on a weekly basis. There is always a need for more volunteers, so interested volunteers can call 705-324-6800 for more information. Arrangements can be made to meet throughout Haliburton County.

Municipality of Dysart et al

1. We have 40 volunteers that sit on committees of council and the West Guilford and Harcourt Community Centre boards. At each of these community centres they have approximately 100 volunteers that help run their programming and special events. In addition to these volunteers we rely on volunteers for special events, i.e.: Frost Festival (30+), Haliburton County Wellness Expo (5), ColourFest (12), Ugly Sweater Run (3), and Hali Halloween (4). In addition the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton District and Lions Club provide many volunteers to help with the activities.

Our recreation programs – ball hockey, softball, drop-in basketball, after school programs – also require volunteers. Ball hockey alone needs a volunteer coach for each team. Last year alone we had 18 volunteers for ball hockey. Drop-in basketball is run by two dedicated volunteers plus three to four helpers. The after school program used five volunteers on a regular basis and others helped out where they could. The skate park committee is comprised of volunteers and even though the committee meets less frequently now, the committee members are still very actively involved with the skate park. There are six members.

2. The recreation programs (ball hockey, softball and basketball) would be cancelled without adequate volunteers. We need them to help coach teams. The festivals and events would also be cut without volunteers. Certain committees of council would cease to exist without volunteers, as they require a certain number of community members to fill the seats or they do not meet the provincial legislation.

3. We truly appreciate everything that the volunteers do for us. They dedicate so much of themselves to make sure that the programs and events run smoothly and professionally. Without their help, many of our programs and events would cease to exist. Thank you for all you do!

4. Yes, we are always in need of volunteers. If they are looking to help with

a special event and/or recreation program they can reach out to Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 x. 635 or amueller@dysart.ca. The committees of council are set at the beginning of the term and positions are advertised in the paper and online. The next time the municipality will be looking to fill these positions will be in 2023.

Minden Legion

1. 22 volunteers
2. Daily lunches, Friday fish and chips, event catering and bar service as well as our general daily operations.
3. The members and executive acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. A job well done.
4. The Legion is always in need of volunteer assistance and interested parties can contact us by dropping into the branch or calling 705-286-4541 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday for information.

Central Food Network

1. CFN has 20 to 25 regular volunteers and they do everything from stocking, staffing and overseeing the Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks to committee and fundraising work to organizing cooking programs for Grade 8s and cooking for community events. The Heat Bank program has approximately 10 regular volunteers who help to deliver firewood, oversee our firewood depots as well as help with committee and fundraising work. We also count on 50 to 60 episodic volunteers who help to pick up donations of wood, grow hot peppers, help with cooking hot sauce and/or come out to wood

splitting events.

2. The entire agency would fold without volunteers. Other than one part-time staff for Heat Bank, our agency is entirely volunteer-run so without volunteers, the food banks, cooking programs as well as Heat Bank would shut down.

3. Volunteers are the energy of Central Food Network! We celebrate the time and dedication you have for ensuring people in our community have access to food and warmth. Thank you for being our community superheroes!

4. YES! We have opportunities for thinkers and organizers, leaders, doers as well as talkers and communicators. Whether people want to regularly volunteer or simply come out to help from time to time, we have volunteer opportunities to match!

Katie's Run

1. 80-90 volunteers. We require volunteers to setup and take down, greet, manage parking, sound, registration, face painting, post race food, silent auction, photography and a whole lot for course marshals and water stations.

2. We simply would not be able to do our event without volunteers. If we were short on volunteers, we know, after doing this seven years, that the event would not run as smooth and would not be as safe for the participants (i.e. course marshals watch for potential injuries, heat exhaustion, make sure no one gets lost, etc.)

3. Thank you! By simply giving a few hours of your time, you truly make a huge difference! The difference is far reaching and ripples far beyond the day

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Thank You To Our Volunteers!!!

Together we are making a difference in Haliburton County

- Highlands East Food Hub
- Community Cooks
- Cardiff Food Bank
- Heat Bank Haliburton County

CENTRAL FOOD NETWORK

heatbankhc@gmail.com

**THE ROYAL
CANADIAN LEGION
MINDEN BRANCH 636**

The executive and members sincerely acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers.

Your dedication and hard work allows us to serve our veterans and donate generously to our community and individuals in need.

We could not do so without the help of our volunteers.

Jim Ross, President Br. 636

Thank You!



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of the event. You are so appreciated! By joining in you will enjoy being a part of an inspirational day, T-shirt included! "Volunteers don't just do the work – they make it work." -Carol Pettit

4. We could always use more volunteers. We have the unique circumstance where half of our volunteers are not local. A group of Katie's brother's university friends come up each year, but they are all getting older and each year it is getting harder for them to commit. We would love to have more local volunteers. To learn more about volunteering see <http://katiesrun.ca/volunteers.htm>, to sign up email info@katiesrun.ca.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments

1. Numerous – some help monthly, some occasionally. What do they do? Cook/serve our various fundraising dinners; sell tickets; distribute posters; paint; drywall; shovel snow; cut grass; garden; look after book nook; contribute prizes; and serve as board members

2. Everything.

3. You are valued beyond comparison; greatly appreciated.

4. We are always open to volunteers – for social media monitoring, gardening, grant research/writing and fundraising.

Community Living Trent Highlands

1. We currently have 18 and we support 10 to 15 students per semester which fall under volunteers

2. Volunteers both enhance and complement what is happening for people. Without them people would not be able to participate as much as they do in their community.

3. The world, our world is richer because of volunteers like you. Thank you for your time and contribution. Your gift is invaluable.

4. We are always looking for members of our community to volunteer their time spending time with people, sharing a talent or supporting a group. If you are interested please contact: Lisa Corp, volunteer coordinator, 705-743-2412 Ext 527. Also you can go to clth.ca and sign up.



Katie's Run requires 80 to 90 volunteers each year. They do a range of tasks to ensure the charity event goes smoothly. ANGELICA INGRAM File photo

Canoe FM

1. Currently Canoe has 127 registered volunteers. Our volunteers are involved in every aspect of the radio station. Volunteers do the gardening, deal with technical issues, develop and enter commercials, public service announcements, programming and songs into our broadcast system, create ad copy, develop promotional material and create social media postings, they interview and attend events on behalf of the station, they fundraise, sit on the various station committees, they work in the front office, are on air hosts and they are board members.

We also have a team of volunteers whose focus is entirely on Radio Bingo. This team dates, distributes and broadcasts Radio Bingo. Volunteers at Canoe FM are involved in every aspect of operating a radio station.

2. Simply put, if we didn't have volunteers we wouldn't have a community radio station in Haliburton County.

3. As the station manager at Canoe FM I sincerely thank all our dedicated volunteers for the extraordinary effort they put into working as a team, to bring community radio into the homes of Haliburton County.

Volunteering at Canoe FM is fun, satisfying, thrilling, challenging and it gives you the opportunity to make radio like no one else in our community is doing. As a volunteer you will be given opportunities to express, empower, engage and fulfill yourself with guidance and

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www.canoe100.9.com

Volunteers are the breath of Community Radio.

Thank you so very much for the time, commitment and passion you give to the Haliburton Highlands
It isn't radio without "You".

Thank you to all Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society volunteers! Your ongoing dedication to the children and families we serve is truly appreciated!

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call 1 800 661 2843, ext. 1221.



Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society
Safe Kids. Strong Families. Thriving Communities.

HALIBURTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



www.haliburtonlions.com

Many thanks to all our Member Volunteers for another successful curling season.



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Heart of the Tuff Trail

Thank You
to the generations of volunteers that have helped to keep Irondale's history alive.
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Bark Lake Cultural Developments

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton

To all of our cherished Volunteers! **Thank you for Starting Something!**

Together, we are assisting children with reaching their full potential.
Contact: 705-324-6800 or www.bigbrothersbigsisters.info for more information.

Haliburton County Folk Society

A huge thank you to volunteers who help make music happen in the Highlands.

You keep us on a high note!
www.haliburtonfolk.com

Volunteer Dental Outreach FOR HALIBURTON COUNTY

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have volunteered at Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County. Since we started in May 2011, together we have helped over 853 patients and provided more than 7300 free dental appointments to low income residents of Haliburton County.

Your care and compassion is appreciated by all the patients you have helped and the Board of Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County.

Together you are improving the lives of hundreds of people in our community.

\$2.6+ Million in FREE Dental Care!

\$2.6 MILLION

This ad has been purchased personally by VDO Board Members



Volunteer Week



Questions

1. How many volunteers do you have and what do they do?
2. What elements of your organization would be cut or cancelled without volunteers?
3. What is your message to volunteers?
4. Do you need more volunteers? For what, and how can they sign up?

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proper training.

Over the years the station has become an integral part of Haliburton County and this is thanks to the dedication and heart of volunteers.

4. Recruiting volunteers is a challenge, especially for on air hosting. Not everyone is willing to put themselves in front of a microphone, so absolutely, we always need volunteers.

Canoe FM strives to showcase local talent and meet community needs and we want to always remain a strong partner in the development of our community, and to do this we need volunteers. Currently we are looking to train on air hosts who would be willing to volunteer Monday to Friday during daytime hours, which means between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are also looking to fill some positions in our front office and we would love someone that would be able to attend events and do a live broadcast back to the station.

If you are interested in governance and shaping the direction of the station, you might consider volunteering to sit on our

board of directors.

If anyone is interested in joining our Canoe FM volunteer team we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either Janice or Roxanne at volunteers@canoeFM.com or by calling the station at 705-457-1009.

Haliburton Legion

1. The Legion has approximately 400 members who pay an annual membership fee of \$50 but a very small number of our members actively volunteer to sit on the executive committee and the subcommittees and manage all the required needs of the organization.

2. Our organization would lose its charter without volunteers stepping up and agreeing to serve on the executive committee and the committee would not be able to carry out their mandate without volunteers agreeing to help with the subcommittee tasks. Also we would no longer be able to donate to the many charities and support our local veterans without volunteers.

3. If you are presently volunteering at the Haliburton Legion, then thank you for your service. If you are not assisting, please consider offering as much or as little time as you can spare to keep the Haliburton Legion the vibrant organization that it is in our community.

4. The Legion is always looking for members and volunteers. First if you are not a member then visit our website at www.haliburtonlegion.com and view our membership page. If you are a member then we need you to be an active participant in managing the affairs of the organ-

ization. Give President Paul Sisson a call at 705-457-2571 to discuss what you can do to help keep the Haliburton Legion a strong organization in our community.

Hike Haliburton

1. Last year we had approximately 212 individuals volunteer to help with The Hike Haliburton Festival. Their jobs ranged from leading hikes, to sweeping hikes (hanging at the back of the hike to ensure the group sticks together), to helping with festival events, concerts, or the Big Picnic on the final day to wrap up festivities. Volunteers also handled some marketing and promotion. They're woven into every fiber of the festival

2. There would be no element of the festival we could run without the help of our amazing volunteers!

3. There is something for everyone! You can volunteer for your favourite hike, or your favourite activity. Choosing something you'll enjoy and have fun doing is no problem at all, being involved in the festival is always more reward than work.

4. We're always looking for more volunteers. You can contact our volunteer coordinator Ky Clark at ky@yoursoutdoors.ca to start the process.

Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society

1. We have 59 volunteers who are volunteer drivers and volunteer mentors.

2. Volunteer drivers provide a critical service to assist children/youth to stay connected to their families and the important activities in their lives, as maintain-

ing connections is so important for children in care. Mentors are crucial to helping children and youth with their continued growth and assisting them to reach their full potential as citizens. Children and youth need to have sustained, positive, and enriching experiences with supportive adults.

3. Thank you to all our current volunteers for your commitment to helping children, youth and families in our community!

4. To volunteer to assist children and youth in our community please contact Tania Nanni at 1-800-661-2843, extension 1221 for more information.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

1. At HHHS we have over 350 volunteers actively working with clients, patients, and residents across the organization. Volunteer roles are widely varied from volunteer drivers with our medical transportation program, to hospice volunteers, to providing entertainment in our LTC homes, to volunteers who support our auxiliaries and HHHS Foundation. There isn't an element of care and service that isn't touched by volunteers. We are truly blessed.

2. Our community support volunteers perform roles that are essential to the ability to offer programming such as medically related transportation, hospice visiting, and delivering Meals on Wheels. We simply would never have enough staff,

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!
Together, we keep homes across the County warm when the heat and options run out

Heat Bank Haliburton County
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Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who make such a difference to SIRCH and this community!!

SIRCH
community services



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nor could our health system afford to provide these services without the hard work of volunteers. Of course the equipment purchased through the fundraising efforts of our Foundation and Auxiliary volunteers allow us to deliver the high quality care we are known for that wouldn't be possible otherwise.

3. We could not do what we do without you! We are truly grateful for your work and dedication.

4. HHHS is always welcoming to potential volunteers. For more information on the multitude of opportunities, please contact Brigitte Gebauer at bgebauer@hhhs.ca; 705 457-1392 x2927.

Haliburton Curling Club

1. Every member of the Haliburton Curling Club, of which there are roughly 260, is a potential volunteer. We require ongoing kitchen help, bartenders, ice maintenance, running leagues and bonspiels, and the big one is of course the countless jobs involved with running our Home & Cottage Show.

2. The club would cease to exist without volunteers. From our volunteer board of directors, to our drawmasters, and bonspiel conveners, our ice ad committee brings in much needed funds; our Home & Cottage Show makes a significant dent in our necessary membership fees; our kitchen help and bartenders save us monumental costs. And without our stellar Ice Team this year, well, we would not have ice to play on!

3. Get involved! Everyone has a passion. Everyone has a talent. Passions and talents should be shared. Sometimes you don't even know how much you'll enjoy an activity until you work with like-minded individuals for a common cause – and that's how I think we do so well as a volunteer based organization. We all love to participate.

4. We would certainly hope all of our members would see the need and benefit of volunteering through their membership. We are always looking for more curlers. When curlers become members; members become friends; friends become a community. And our community is a fantastic one! Registration for the curling season is the first week of September. Mark your calendars!

Abbey Gardens

1. We have about 40 volunteers plus a few groups/classes that volunteer for work bees in the garden. We have volunteers who help in our vegetable and flower gardens, in our Food Hub, at events and festivals, with our ponies and



Volunteers with the Haliburton Curling Club give their time each year to make the Home and Cottage Show a success. /OLIVIA ROBINSON File photo

during our children's programs.

2. Volunteers contribute to every part of our organization and have allowed us to grow exponentially in every area.

3. Thank you! Time is precious and choosing to spend your time with us is something we don't take for granted. We love the enthusiasm and knowledge that our volunteers bring to Abbey Gardens.

4. We're always looking for more volunteers to assist in our gardens, with our programs, at events and more! Volunteers can sign up by contacting cara@abbeygardens.ca or 705-754-4769.

Red Wolves Special Olympics

1. Thirty-two people volunteer their time with the Haliburton Red Wolves, our local Special Olympics team. Whether coaching, scorekeeping, organizing fundraisers and social events or mentoring, they are rewarded with the friendliness of the athletes as they support each other, develop their skills in bowling, curling, softball or golf, and encourage each other along the way.

2. Our sports programs are reliant on volunteers and would not be possible without people willing to commit a bit of time to help these athletes have fun while taking part in physical activities with their friends.

3. You can come and visit our activities in progress, meet our athletes and volunteers and see how quickly they will win you over.

4. Volunteers are needed in all four sports, so if interested, please contact Yvette Brauer at ybrauer@bell.net. You'll be glad you did.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

We appreciate our volunteers and encourage the community to participate!

- Committee of Adjustment
- Cultural Resources Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Events and Recreation Programming Committee
- Glebe Park and Museum Committee
- Haliburton B.I.A.
- Harcourt Community Hall Board
- Signs and Property Standards Committee
- West Guilford Community Centre Board
- All of volunteer coaches for ball hockey and softball
- All of the volunteers who help out at our municipal events!



We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

During National Volunteer Week we reflect and thank HHHS volunteers for their endless efforts and ongoing support.



Each and every one of you are a true blessing. You bring so much joy to our patients, residents & clients.

COMMUNITY LIVING Trent Highlands

In appreciation to all of our volunteers for helping people achieve their personal goals and becoming part of an inclusive community.

Thank you for your on-going support.



For volunteer opportunities contact
Lisa Corp
lcorp@clth.ca
705-743-2412 ext 527



For the love of the cut

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Margo McRae was a girl, she always wanted to be a hairstylist.

She cut her dolls' hair when she was little and did her friends' hair when she was in school, so it naturally followed that she would embark on a long career in the field.

This month, McRae is ending her 37-year run as a hairstylist. At the peak of business, she said she had upwards of 300 clients and estimates she cut tens of thousands of hairdos over her career, which took her from Haliburton to Toronto and back again.

After close to four decades of work, she hopes she will be remembered as a good stylist, who was compassionate and kind-hearted.

She said she's reassured her clients that a new stylist can mean opportunity for change.

"Some of them are pretty upset with me [that] I'm going, but I said maybe they're going to do something better. Maybe they're going to do something I hadn't thought of and they're going to give you something new you're really going to like," she said.

Although she announced her retirement just after the new year, she stayed on until April to ensure her clients were setup properly for the transition, which included passing on various recipes for colouring and perms.

McRae said her career was all about the people and the relationships formed. The primary requisite of a hairstylist is to have an affinity for people.

"You have to really like people. You have to have a lot of patience ... I think, [my husband] Bob would tell you I used up all my patience at work and none for him when he got home," she laughed.

She said the career choice was about a dedication to her clients.

"You have to do things that are not only about money either. Driving all the way out here [to Haliburton from Wilberforce] for two haircuts is not about money, it's because you care, right? It's because you've been doing [haircuts for] people for a long time," she said. "That's why I stayed as long as I did. It's important to me that people settle in with somebody that's hopefully a match. I told my clients, 'You found me after whomever you've left before.'"

Over a cup of coffee with her husband, Bob, Margo decided it was time to step away from hairstyling and check one item off her bucket list: travelling. She's looking forward to a trip to Newfoundland with her husband and friends.

The adage that life is short factored in the decision.

"We've had enough warnings. My husband has had a heart attack at 48 and I've had two cancers so, you know, we've had health warnings, but if I had a crystal ball and somebody could have told me I'd have 20 more good years then I wouldn't retire right now and if Bob was OK too," she said.

At 30, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and required two surgeries, forcing her to recover for a year. Last year, she was diagnosed with invasive melanoma skin cancer.

With the added time, the 58-year-old is looking forward to embracing nature by birding and walking the trails on her property with her dogs.

Marion Teatro of Haliburton Hairdressing encouraged McRae to go to school and learn the skilled trade. Teatro promised her a job after graduation.

"I said to Marion, I don't know if I'd be



Margo McRae, who cuts the hair of Dolores Lee at Extendicare-Haliburton, is retiring after 37 years as a hairstylist. McRae loved her career for the people she met and the friendships developed. She said retirement will allow her to travel more with her husband and get involved with other things such as birding and exercise. /DARREN LUM Staff

any good at it, but I really would like to try it."

So, she went to the Career School Hair Design in Oshawa and graduated in 1981. Her work experience from longest tenure to shortest is Haliburton Hairdressing for 20 years, the Hair Emporium owned by Lynn Roberge for 13 years, Wynford Heights for three years and The Hudson Bay Salon (Glenby International) in Toronto for one year.

After she worked for Teatro in Haliburton, she realized she didn't know as much as she should.

McRae said Marion was "pivotal" for her life.

"She took me on fresh out of school. Marion taught me lots too about hair. You don't learn everything you need to know right at school. You're just touching on all the basics at school," she said.

She described her past boss as kind and generous.

Although she learned a lot from Teatro, she moved back to Toronto to gain work experience and to be in place to receive more professional training. While there she first worked for Wynford Heights at Don Mills and Eglinton for three years. Then Glenby International at the Hudson Bay Salon for a year before heading home to Haliburton. While in the city, she took courses on specific skills such as colouring and cutting. Then she returned home to work with Marion again.

"I'd like to think I established friendships. You get lots of acquaintances, but lots of people you really do care about, but I've made some great friends also," she said.

"Most people think our job is scissors and combs, right? But ... in school we learn all the layers of the skin and what to watch for with skin cancers and stuff," she said.

She had one client she kept prompting to get his skin checked.

"Every time he'd come in I'd say, 'I

know I'm harping at you, but I'm really not happy with this [condition of your skin]. I want you to get to your doctor.' He wouldn't go. He wouldn't go. And finally he went and he lost half his ear lobe," she said.

There has been a genuine give and take between her and her clients.

"I've been so spoiled by my clients too though. They're good to me. It works both ways. I saved my tips all year round and I take my daughter and we go on a girls' weekend every year. It's been a tradition. Memory building. I get to spoil my daughter and myself," she said. "It's a treat for me to go."

Long-time client Jean Freeman of Haliburton has been getting her hair done by McRae for close to 25 years.

Freeman has always been happy with the styles McRae has given her and appreciated the welcoming atmosphere at the Hair Emporium.

"I just leave it up to her to be very honest. I leave it up to Margo. I always feel better when I walk out of that place than when I walk in," she said.

Close to two years ago, Freeman was in the hospital for a month with a fractured pelvis. One afternoon, McRae showed up. "She just came in and set to it and I was really surprised," she said.

She remembers McRae wouldn't take any money and imagines this wasn't the only time she's done that. "She's just that kind of lady," she said.

Freeman said it will be strange to get her last hair-styling from McRae, but knows it is the best for her.

"She deserves to retire and enjoy some travelling with her husband because she's worked 30-odd years. It's better to do it now and be able to just enjoy what's out there," she said.

McRae said she also enjoyed the role she played in helping people feel better.

"It's rewarding," she said, "You usually make people feel a lot better than when

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It's rewarding. You usually make people feel a lot better than when they came in through the door.

— Margo McRae

they came in through the door. When you're shampooing if they're having a stressful day you can almost feel their whole body relax and so that's really ... rewarding."

The most challenging thing about the job was seeing those you care for die or grow weak with illness.

"You go and do their hair while they are suffering from these diseases and you get involved and get attached. When you lose them that's the hard part," she said.

McRae's career covered a few decades that demanded diverse hair-styling skills such as perms for men and women, lots of hairspray and plenty of back-combing and bouffant styles.

This was a time when everyone went out for New Year's Eve, so lots of people came to her for extravagant hairstyles, unlike now. She recalls they used to "glitter people to death and sprayed them to death ... those were the days when you really had to work to do hair. And those were the days when it wasn't so good for lungs either, because hairspray is not the greatest."

Another way to get the most out of the career is to be compassionate with people.

It was something she wanted her daughter, Megan Gadway to carry forward.

"I tried to pass that on to my daughter ... I used to drag her in [to Extendicare] when she was little to see her aunt. ... She'd say, 'Why do I have to go?' I'd say, 'Megan, it's the right thing to do. She's your aunt you should go visit her.' And sometimes it used to scare Megan a little bit because some of the people with dementia would come up to her and [scare her]. They thought she was their grandchild," she said.

Megan, who has been an X-ray technician for five years, uses the methods employed by her mother to work with people with dementia in her line of work. She travels a lot, working between Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft.

Part of McRae's care for her clients extends to helping them transition to their next hairstylist.

"I know it's not part of my job to make sure people are situated, but when you've done someone's hair for 30 years it's your baby, your project, right? You don't want someone to phone you and say, 'I'm not happy with who I am with,'" she said.

"It's a very care-giving role, right? That's part of it. It's not just all hair."

When asked about how long she thought at the beginning of her career she would be a hairstylist, she answered, "I had envisioned myself going longer actually because I really like it still and will miss the people, terribly."

Anyone interested in saying goodbye to McRae can see her at the meet and greet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on April 13 at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery.

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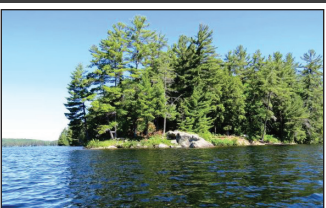
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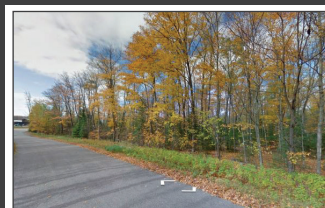
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HHHS reduces deficit by \$182,000

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the March 28 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has reduced a \$250,000 deficit to \$68,000, an improvement of \$182,000 in six months, from July 2018 to January 2019. "Previously it was projected that HHHS would be in a breakeven position by the end of the fiscal year at the end of March, and we are anticipating that we will be in a position to achieve that goal," finance committee chairman David Gray told the *Echo* after a board meeting on Thursday, March 28.

Gray said this is possible due to recent government funding of three major projects including the Haliburton water treatment, long-term care roof repairs and replacements, as well as the efforts of the management working groups.

"In spite of difficulties in reducing sick and overtime costs, significant progress has been made to achieve cost savings in all other supply costs with the successful implementation of several projects," Gray said. "These will achieve annual savings in the coming year of more than \$46,000 and pending projects of \$52,000 which will positively impact next year's operations."

Board member Dave Bonham called it a remarkable accomplishment.

Bill 74 impact on local health services unknown

It's too early to know what significant changes to Ontario's health-care system through Bill 74, The People's Health Care Act, 2019 will mean for health services in Haliburton County, said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO.

The act contains two major components. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has amalgamated several provincial agencies including Cancer Care Ontario, eHealth Ontario, Trillium Gift of Life Network and all 14 Local Health Integration Networks into a "superagency," called Ontario Health. Plummer said the agency is expected to serve as a single central point of accountability and oversight for health care in the province.

The second change is that health service providers across several health sectors will be organized into 30 to 50 Ontario Health Teams (OHT). Plummer said the provincial government had not yet released much information about what the health teams will look like, but have noted "they will be providing health services in an integrated way, so different parts of the health sector working together in an integrated way such as hospitals, long-term care and community, working together to provide service to anywhere from 50,000 up to 300,000 people."

She said at this point there hadn't been clear direction about how the health teams should be established, except that it would be a patient-centred model and that the teams be focused on local health issues.

"It is too early to know what this legislation will mean for HHHS or how it will affect health services in Haliburton County; however given our experience as a rural health hub, our well-established partnerships and collaborations, and our current integrated services (hospital, long-term care, community programs, palliative care, mental health) we have an opportunity to take a leadership role together with our partners in developing the OHT model," said Plummer in her report.

She said the government indicated they would be issuing an expression of interest at some point in March, but HHHS still had yet to receive it and she hoped it was coming quickly.

"I'm actually excited about what we might be able to do together with our partners, and I think we're in a really good position to move forward with this," said Plummer to the board.

Centralized referral service 'good news story'

Dave Coulson of the community advisory committee spoke to the popularity of a new program offering centralized referral to community services.

"So if you have a problem, phone community services, phone one number, and people will look after you," said Coulson of the program. Fifty people had used the system, which connects people with a wide range of programs including Meals on Wheels, the GAIN program, foot care program and palliative care services, in

three months, and more than 150 people had used it in six months.

"Do the math, there could be four to five hundred people a year who go into this centralized service and get looked after," said Coulson, who said the service had been a key recommendation of the community advisory committee "from day one."

Coulson called it a "good news story," that the province is following suit on.

"So some of us have suggested, well, not only have we identified the problem but we in Haliburton have identified the solution – a centralized referral system," he said.

"I think it's beyond good news, we're looking at good health and maybe saving the odd life, too," said Dorothy Owen, HHHS board member.

HHHS thanks county for physician recruitment support

Plummer thanked the County of Haliburton for including funding for a physician recruiter in this year's budget.

"We have seen the success that recruiters have had in other communities, and the far-reaching positive impact that has resulted for those communities," she said. "We are incredibly fortunate that the County has decided to make this investment in our community."

HHHS, the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the County of Haliburton have been working to recruit physicians to the emergency department.

"Although we have been able to attract some physicians who are interested in providing locum coverage, we continue to face challenges recruiting physicians to our community on a more permanent basis," said Plummer.

HealthForce Ontario, the Central East LHIN and the MOHLTC have supported recruitment efforts.

Accreditation assessment in 2019

An assessment of HHHS by Accreditation Canada will be completed in early December. The last assessment took place in 2015. The review assesses HHHS against standards of excellence, identifying strengths and needs.

"The process includes an onsite, inde-

pendent, third-party assessment of the organization using standards built upon best practices used and validated by similar organizations around the world," said Plummer.

An accreditation simulation exercise and further training will take place prior to December.

Mental Health Services hire

Beverlee Groves-Foley is joining the HHHS team in the role of mental health manager.

She comes from an extensive career in mental health services at Ross Memorial Hospital. Groves-Foley will join in a part-time role in April and be full-time at the beginning of May.

Programs taking place at Youth Wellness Hub

Doors are open at the Youth Wellness Hub for some programs as renovations are completed at the Haliburton space being constructed as a partnership between Point in Time and HHHS. A kitchen installation and accessibility retrofits are underway, according to a report by Plummer. "As the renovations are nearing completion, some youth programming has already begun, including some drop-in programs, soft-skills development through the arts, and employment programs," said Plummer.

That the programs have already begun "speaks to not only the need but the desire both to provide the service and for the youth to be accessing that service," said Plummer.

A grand opening will be held this spring.

Dr. Karaguesian retires

After 23 years with HHHS, Dr. Greg Karaguesian has retired from emergency medicine. Karaguesian was a full-time emergency department physician at Haliburton Hospital, chief of staff from 2014 to 2017 and the Haliburton emergency department physician lead for the past two years. Plummer thanked Karaguesian for his contributions to HHHS and the community, saying he had gone "above and beyond in many situations to help support the team during time of crisis," and wished him well.

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Mary Poppins kicks off theatre dreams

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When two young performers learned they had earned their first starring stage roles in the upcoming Highlands Summer Festival staging of *Mary Poppins*, their reactions were a contrast in personalities and ages.

Jumping around the house with a formal gown was excitement personified for 11-year-old Tate Itani Smith while her stage counterpart Duncan Evans-Fockler, 8, took the news like a "cool cat."

Both are extremely happy and excited about getting to be Jane and Michael Banks in the much beloved musical, which recently was introduced to a whole new generation with the silver screen sequel starring Emily Blunt.

The two local performers have seen the Julie Andrews rendition and the Blunt sequel, appreciating the dance numbers and are excited about their opportunity to take centre stage in the fantastical story of a nanny with extraordinary powers, who takes the brother and sister on a series of adventures and passes on the joy of life to their preoccupied parents.

Duncan's mother Leanne Fockler Evans said her son's reaction earning the part was subdued, but knows he was excited even if he was a "very cool cat."

She knows deep down he has always wanted to be on the stage. At close to two years old, Duncan was bit by the stage bug.

He was invited to the stage during a "b-boy dance" (or breakdancing) show at the family performance series Razzamataz Kids' Shows at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

"He went up and was the littlest one on stage and at the very end everyone was having turns dancing. He went out and he went crazy on stage and he brought the house down," she said. "He just loves being on the stage. Ever since he was little. He sings all the time everywhere he goes. This is just kind of an extension so we're super excited for him to grow some of these talents."



Local children Tate Itani Smith and Duncan Evans-Fockler are excited about getting to portray Jane and Michael Banks in the upcoming *Mary Poppins*, presented by the Highlands Summer Festival. This will be their first starring roles in a stage production. See www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Grade 2 French immersion student at Stuart Baker Elementary School, who has performed in the annual *Nutcracker* performance, said earning the role made him "really happy."

Having the story revolve around his character makes him feel excited.

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Local actors embrace upcoming roles in summer festival

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Duncan was encouraged to audition by his piano teacher Lauren McInnes, who he has started seeing this year.

Tate's mother Sam Itani was proud of her daughter and could easily tell the night she learned of getting the part.

"She was so excited she did karate kicks around the house the whole night. It was a strong visual for us so that's how we knew she was super excited," she said.

She adds this is something her daughter wants. This role is part of fulfilling a passion for the stage, which has already included piano and voice lessons.

Tate and Duncan share the same joy about being chosen.

Tate felt satisfied by how her audition effort paid off. "I really, really wanted to get the part and worked really hard to get the part as well," she said.

Tate's aunt is a singer and helped her with her audition, telling her to exude confidence on the stage and be herself, which will also be a focus for the Grade 6 French

immersion student at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School to use in her performance in the show.

She said she has begun to learn the song, "the Perfect Nanny" from *Mary Poppins*.

Tate, who has been a successful track and cross-country athlete, is familiar with attention, but also the hard work and training required for success. That background is going to be part of her preparation for *Mary Poppins*. The theatre provides a level of joy and satisfaction that makes the stress far more tolerable for the young performers.

As far as challenges of singing, acting and dancing during the show, Tate and Duncan said memorizing the lines will be most difficult.

Scot Denton, artistic director for the Highlands Summer Festival, emailed the *Echo* to say Tate and Duncan were chosen for being the "closest to what the roles call for" among the hopefuls, who were an "interesting and talented" group.

He adds, "They are a couple of very bright kids. And they'll need to be – they are on the stage for most of the show – maybe 80 per cent of the time."

Both "took the stage" during the audition.

Tate sang a song from the musical, *Mathilda*. She not only had props, but "blocked the whole thing" and entertained Denton. Duncan sang "Gary Indiana" from *Music Man* "solidly in a clear voice."

Tate and Duncan projected clear qualities that will serve them well as the leads in *Mary Poppins*.

"When an audience watches *Mary Poppins* they see the story through the eyes of Jane and Michael. I think Tate and Duncan will facilitate that – at the auditions they both seemed really observant and inquisitive," Denton wrote.

Performances (all at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion) for *Mary Poppins* are June 30 at 7:30 p.m., July 2 at 2 p.m., July 2 to 4 at 7:30 p.m., July 5 and 7 at 2 p.m. and July 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

See www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca for more information.

The cast for *Mary Poppins*, staged by Highlands Summer Festival

Beth Robertson as Mary Poppins;
Andrew Christopher Case as George Banks;
Kelsey Crowe as Winnifred Banks;
Tate Itani Smith as Jane Banks;
Duncan Evans-Fockler as Michael Banks;
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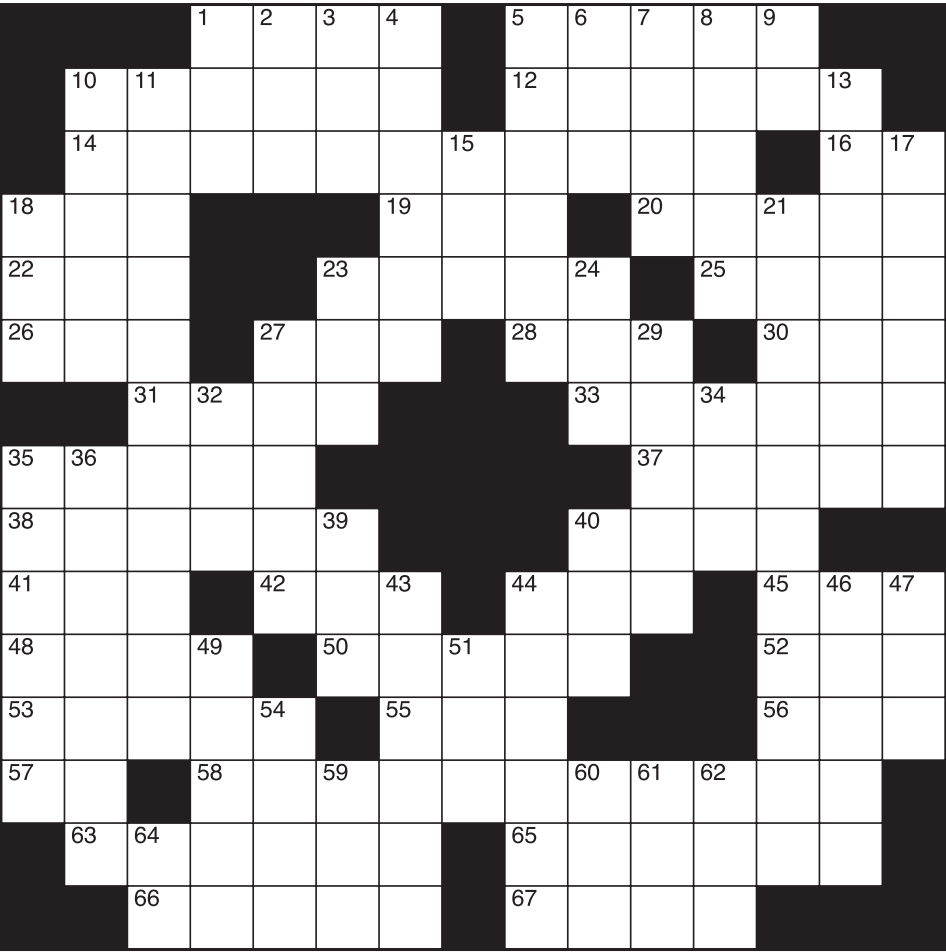


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- 5. Lunar term
- 10. California mountain
- 12. Spiral staircase pillars
- 14. "Heat" director
- 16. Tellurium
- 18. Gateway (Arabic)
- 19. No (Scottish)
- 20. Greek prophetess
- 22. A team's best pitcher
- 23. Bard's way of saying "have"
- 25. Indigenous group of the Philippines
- 26. Danish krone
- 27. Type of squad
- 28. Possesses
- 30. Part of the face
- 31. Very small amount of time (abbr.)
- 33. Churches have lots of them
- 35. Modern day "letter"
- 37. Della __, singer
- 38. Informed upon
- 40. Type of house
- 41. Folk singer DiFranco
- 42. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 44. Car mechanics group
- 45. Belonging to us

- 48. Pack neatly
- 50. Forming the bottom layer
- 52. How fast you're going
- 53. Sea eagles
- 55. Cool!
- 56. Military mailbox
- 57. Type of lawyer
- 58. Type of monk
- 63. Respect due to an ancestor
- 65. Took to the sea
- 66. Members of a Semitic people
- 67. A way to march

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Political action committee
- 2. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 3. When you hope to get there
- 4. Woman who followed Bacchus
- 5. Cause to become entangled
- 6. Green veggie
- 7. Stiff bristles
- 8. Pass in Alps
- 9. Atomic #81
- 10. A sharp blow
- 11. Bears engage in it

- 13. Prevents progress
- 15. Young boy
- 17. A way to go on
- 18. Not good
- 21. A ballet enthusiast
- 23. Ad __
- 24. Bar bill
- 27. A genus of badgers
- 29. "No __!"
- 32. Get off your feet
- 34. Franklin was one
- 35. Removed
- 36. Used to catch poachers
- 39. Hit lightly
- 40. Crony
- 43. Stroke
- 44. One who obtains pleasure by inflicting pain on others
- 46. __ the ante
- 47. Greek letter
- 49. "Wings" actor Steven
- 51. Unhappy
- 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Pick up
- 60. Type of transportation
- 61. Worn with a suit
- 62. Something similar to another already referred to
- 64. Farm state

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CHA board chairman Paul MacInnes gave county councillors a detailed presentation stressing the benefits of natural shorelines during a March 27 meeting.

"The lakes are the foundation of Haliburton County," MacInnes said, noting that everything the community is built on – cottaging, tourism, real estate, its jobs – is ultimately tied to its nearly 600 lakes.

Natural shorelines – those that are largely untouched, include native plant species and are free of manmade hazards such as lawns, retaining walls and docks – have a direct bearing on lake health. They prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife such as fish, frogs, butterflies and benthics, and filter pollutants such as phosphorous. Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind blue-green algae blooms.

When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but also, in severe cases, render them effectively dead.

"Water quality in any lake with less than 75 per cent natural shoreline is headed down," MacInnes said.

Throughout Haliburton County, 48 per cent of the shoreline is natural.

"The question is, how much time do we have?" MacInnes said, adding that climate change is changing the rules quickly in a way that cannot be fully understood.

According to the Canadian Real Estate Association, one algae bloom on a lake can reduce property values by as much as 30 per cent, and MacInnes said there are lakes that have had repeated algae blooms where property values have declined by as much as half.

There were eight reported sightings of algae blooms in Haliburton County

last summer, with one, which later dissipated, confirmed by the MOE in Algonquin Highlands.

"We have lakes that are less susceptible and more susceptible to algae blooms," MacInnes said.

He'd done some calculations, and said that if 40 per cent of the lakes in the county experienced a 30 per cent drop in property values, that would equate to \$732 million in lost assessment.

"You don't come to county council unless you have done something to help yourself, in my mind," MacInnes said, as he reviewed the host of programming regarding lake health, septic systems and natural shorelines the CHA has undertaken during its decade of existence.

"We can't reach everybody," he said, adding that of the 587 lakes in the county, about 100 of them have lake associations.

MacInnes, who noted he was preaching to the converted with regard to county councillors, said new property owners in particular are often unaware of the negative implications that shoreline alteration has on lake health. While the county has a tree-cutting bylaw that prohibits the cutting down of trees within a 30-metre distance of lakes, MacInnes said some property owners will leave the trees, but remove all of the other, important, native vegetation from shoreline areas.

"If we lose the lakes, we lose our ability to pay for our other priorities," MacInnes told councillors, adding, "There are no good reasons not to do this."

"You have given us some stark bits of information," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Council received MacInnes's report for information.



Slush Fest

A group gathers before riding on the ski cross course during Slush Fest Fat Bike Day at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. The event opened up the hill to fat bike riders – mountain bikes with over-sized tires – from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and included the use of the "carpet lift." With 60 riders, the event is already being considered for next year. /DARREN LUM Staff



There were plenty of smiles during the Sir Sam's Slush Fest Fat Bike Day at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

SIRCH launches pilot project to help you find your Family Roots

Are you a young-at-heart senior who's passionate about family research? Do you like working with others to solve mysteries about their ancestry? A new pilot project offered by SIRCH Community Services will train you to do online family research and then help others in the community learn more about their family history.

Launching this month, Family Roots is a year-long program that will match 10 senior volunteers (age 60 and over) with three to four vulnerable and isolated seniors in Haliburton County. Together, they will find connections through family and in the community. Volunteers will be trained by the project coordinator, Donna Gagnon, a local genealogist and ancestry expert.

Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH put the proposal in to New Horizons in 2018. "The great thing about this program is that volunteers will be working with other seniors in the community. Our goal is to connect people and help people who might not know many people or have opportunities to get out, to get involved, meet people and feel connected. Many seniors are isolated and this one-to-one mentoring, plus bringing everyone together weekly will really help connect people. Plus they'll get a whole online community through their family connections and other people interested in researching family history," said Robertson.

The program will include six weeks of training, followed by the trained volunteers who will work with seniors on their family research and attend a weekly drop in. Volunteers and their matches will also participate in

periodic public "reveal" sessions to share their discoveries. It is a year-long project, with an expected end date of February 2020.

Donna Gagnon is pumped. "The wonderful thing about this pilot project is the opportunity for vulnerable and isolated seniors to feel connected and empowered by learning more about themselves and their ancestors through doing family research. We are excited to offer a new educational training opportunity that will be informative, interesting and most importantly fun!" said Gagnon.

The Family Roots program is made possible by a grant from the Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program. It will be supported by the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54.

Recruitment is currently taking place and space is limited so contact SIRCH today. Call 705-457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca to register or for more information.

Submitted by SIRCH

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Our goal is to connect people and help people who might not know many people or have opportunities to get out, to get involved, meet people and feel connected.

— Gena Robertson

NOTICE (Applicant – SPEIRAN)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 2019** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 35, Concession 10, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1, on the Preliminary Plan made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., O.L.S., dated November 28, 2018.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

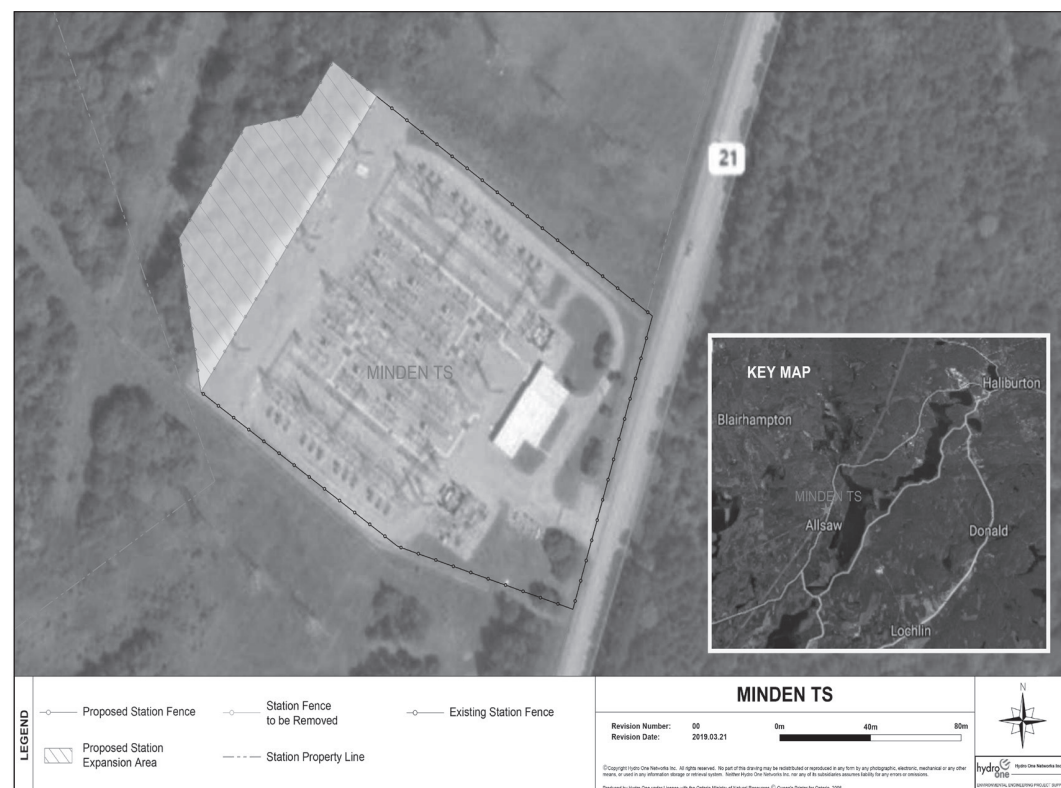
AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of April, 2019.

ROBYN ROGERS
CLERK
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Minden Transformer Station Expansion Project

Much of Hydro One's transmission system was built in the 1950s and is in need of investment. That's why in mid-June 2019, we will start work to expand the Minden Transformer Station (TS). Once complete, this expansion will provide much needed electrical capacity for the Minden and Haliburton areas. The station is located on Haliburton County Rd 21 in Minden Hills. Investments in the system today will help protect the public, ensure reliability and offset far more costly work in the future.



What's happened so far?

- Last summer, a fire at our Minden TS destroyed one of two transformers. Hydro One was able to restore power within a few hours to the 20,000 people affected by a power outage.
- A temporary replacement transformer was installed until the new transformer could be installed.

What's included in the expansion?

- Installation of the new T1 transformer in its permanent location on the northwest side of the station.
- Tree removal on Hydro One's property and extension of the station's fence by approximately 0.28 hectare.
- Installation of the new T2 transformers and associated equipment.
- Installation of two (2) new buildings which will house critical electrical communication equipment.
- The removal of the old T2 transformer and associated equipment.

Project Timeline:

This work is expected to start in mid-June 2019 and be completed by March 2021. The removal of the T2 transformer will be completed by August 2021.

To learn more about this project, we encourage you to drop in at our Community Open House:

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Royal Canadian Legion
12847 ON-35
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Members of our team will be available to discuss the project, schedule and what you can expect when construction is occurring. We encourage you to attend and provide your input, ask questions and meet our team.

Keep in touch

If you would like more information about the project or have any questions, please contact us:

Community Relations
Phone: 416-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com



UPCOMING
**Community
Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Cook It Up

Enjoy a FREE three-course lunch every Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m. at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden as part of Cook It Up. An initiative of SIRCH, Cook it Up is a training program that helps unemployed and underemployed individuals gain skills for the food services industry. Lunches take place every week from March 12 until May 7.

Lenten Lunch

When: April 10
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch.
By donation

Lunch and Learn: Sandra Dupret

When: Wednesday, April 10, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. presentation
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
Hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Come out to hear Sandra Dupret, dean/principal of Haliburton School of Art + Design speak.
Cost: \$20 (cash or cheque only). For tickets call Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Jeff Moulton

When: Saturday, April 13, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Country Music Jamboree

When: April 14, 1 to 5 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion
Open mic. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister
Please note: next jamboree is May 5.
Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost
Admission: \$8

Life in the Mongolian Steppe

When: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St, Minden
Join Michele Swyer and learn about her fascinating journey to this unusual land.
Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wednesday, Apr. 17. Doors open 6 p.m., speaker 7 p.m.
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
What: Linda Heeps presents the Legion's Veterans' Gravestone Project
Cost: No charge, everyone welcome
For more info contact: Gail 705-286-2225

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205

CFUW Speaker: Julia Sutton

When: Thursday, April 25, 7 to 8 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre
Julia Sutton will speak about natural shorelines, landscape restoration and creating spaces for humans and wildlife with native plants. She has worked for conservation authorities in easnter Ontario, carried out forest inventories in partnership with First Nations and coordinated a fish and stream monitoring program.
Open to the public. Cost is free, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund welcome. After the talk there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speaker. CFUW business to follow.

Celebrate syrup season in Wilberforce

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Maple Fest will again be celebrated here on Easter Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Maple syrup with pancakes and sausages will be served between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults will dine for \$6 and children will enjoy a good meal for only \$3. Coffee and tea is free all day.

There will be some tables with crafts though with a meal being served space for that shopping experience is limited. Look for the Easter bunny to be hopping around with treats in its basket.

The baked bean contest is on again this year with some changes. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. and then diners will have an opportunity to add a spoonful or two of baked beans to their meal.

The Wilberforce "Funraisers" Group hope you will enjoy time at this annual maple syrup time event.

Kenneth Sanderson will celebrate his 95th birthday this week on Wednesday, April 10. Ken has lived and worked here in Wilberforce for most of his life. His wife Nadeen and daughter Brenda welcome friends to drop by the Maple View reception room at noon this Wednesday with best wishes only. Though Ken's health has not been great recently he always enjoys a visit with friends.

Haliburton hosting Sister Nancy Murray

Some 40 years ago, actor Bill Murray was in Haliburton at Camp White Pine, filming the movie *Meatballs*. On Thursday, May 2, Sister Nancy Murray (Bill's sister), will be performing a one-woman play about the story of Sister Dorothy Stang SND, a missionary who worked in Brazil. This event is co-sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lakeside Church and Environment Haliburton. An interesting timeline connection between the filming of *Meatballs* and the life of Dorothy Stang is that both were occurring at about the same time. In a 90-minute play on May 2, Sister Nancy chronicles

the life and death of Sister Dorothy, who shared the love of the land and the forest with the people of Brazil, using some of the footage of the BBC report made after Sister Dorothy's tragic death in the rainforest.

Dorothy had lived with the people of the land, standing with the *compesinos* (farmers), as they were being threatened by big business. She held the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in her hands as she herself was threatened at gunpoint. Hired men shot her six times sending shock waves into the forest and across the world. Sister Dorothy Stang, from the Sisters of Notre Dame, was martyred in 2005. She was an outspoken advocate for the poor and for the protection of the Amazon rainforest.

Sister Nancy Murray has performed more than 900 one-woman plays around the world, about holy women like St. Catherine of Siena and Sister Dorothy Stang. She brings to life the stories of their lives while she connects the message of justice and faith to the community. She draws a link from this woman of courage to us in our own communities. She shares the life of Sister Dorothy as an example of integrity amidst the challenges of climate change with communities who are searching for justice.

The performance will take place on Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Lakeside Church, 9 Park St., in Haliburton. A donation at the door of \$10 per person or \$25 per family is suggested. For more information, contact any member of the co-sponsoring groups or Jean Schlicklin-Tyler at 705-457-2214. Jean is a local friend of Sister Nancy from their Dominican community in Michigan.

Submitted by Jean Schlicklin-Tyler

April 27, 2019 10am-5pm
Pinestone Resort Haliburton, ON
Over 20 Vendors
Fashion Show By NYGARD 1pm

Spring Market

Contact April for more info
april_ossaa@hotmail.com or 705-854-1469

Saturday, April 20th
Easter Weekend
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce

all-you-can-eat
Maple Syrup Pancakes and Sausages
with locally made pure Maple Syrup
Child \$3.00 (10 & under) Adult \$6.00
Maple Syrup Display, Colouring Contest, Flea Market & Crafts

Maple Syrup Festival

Turtle Talk
Learn about conservation efforts to save at-risk turtles!
Wilberforce Library at 11am
All ages welcome

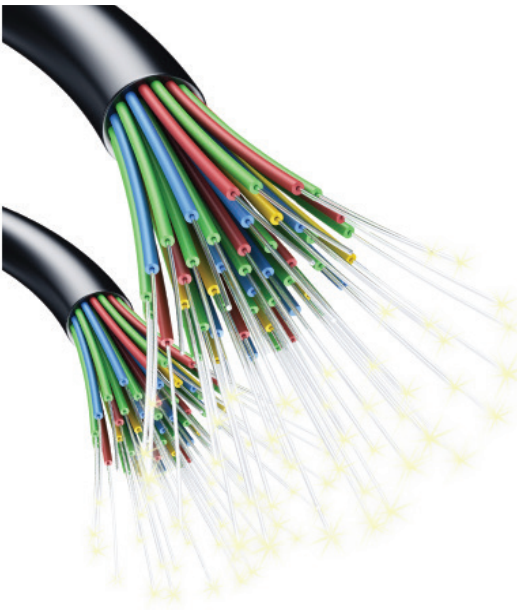
Submit your best
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Judging will commence at 9am.
All submissions will be offered to the hungry crowd!
See Nataly for details 705 448 1690

Contact Kathy for more information 705 448 1285

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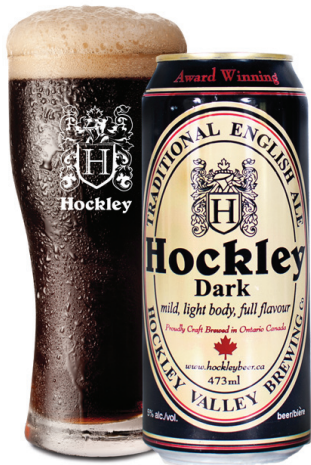
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Tender Call for Grounds Keeping Contract

Canada Post is inviting tenders for Grounds Keeping to start May 1, 2019 at the Kinmount Post Office

Specifications may be picked up at the Post Office located at 4078 County Rd. 121

Quotes must be received by **April 23, 2019**

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Bachelor Apartment - Furnished Non-smoker & No Pets First & Last and References Required **CALL 705-454-3024**

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Working professional and child seeking a reasonably priced two bedroom apartment in the Haliburton area. Must be clean and pet friendly. **Please call 705-440-0415**

Summer reporter for the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times in need of affordable one-bedroom apartment or a room in a home for the months of May - August. Please make inquiries to the Haliburton Echo if you have a place that might suit: jenn@haliburtonpress.com or 705-457-1037 ext. 39.

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SELF CONTAINED STORAGE UNITS for rent discounts available located on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton. Call 705 457-1224.

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D.A. Curry Masonry Contracting is seeking a seasonal employee. Duties include: forming footings/ I.C.F. installation/ some block work. Must have Drivers licence. Wages based on experience. **Call 705-457-6163 or 705-457-3620** for interview.

Progressive well established Tree Care business looking to hire climber and or grounds person with strong work ethic and knowledge of chipper/ chainsaw operation. Self directed and safety oriented. Experience preferred. **Please call 705 286-3593**

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Kemcroft Enterprises Ltd O/A Hyland Ice Supply now accepting applications for Drivers Helpers. Please email info@hylandice.com or fax 705-448-2860.

Young, energetic individual for grounds maintenance company. Seasonal employment. Able to operate mowers/trimmers/ blowers etc. Training will be provided **Call 705 457 0880 Fax 705 457 1724**

Stedman's downtown Minden has a part time/full time cashier-clerk position available. Must be accurate with cash, be cheery and work well with others. Lottery experience a plus. Apply in person or **call 705-286-1075** for an appointment. Ask for John

Kemcroft Enterprises Ltd O/A Hyland Ice Supply now accepting applications for seasonal full time and part time Delivery Drivers. Class D + DZ. Must be physically fit and presentable. Please email info@hylandice.com or fax 705-448-2860. **Thank You**



Marcus Beach

Marcus Beach Cottages, a private cottage community with 19 cottages.

We are seeking a person in good physical condition to complete outdoor maintenance work, assisting the maintenance manager.

This will be a 17 week position, with 37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday, **NO WEEKEND WORK.** Proper outdoor clothing attire required. Hourly Payment - \$16.00.

Candidates should send their application for employment to the Property Manager, Lori Roberts. manager@marcusbeachcottages.ca

Positions Available

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has full-time openings for:

Public Health Dietitian (Haliburton office)

Competition #0007-19

Public Health Nurses (Lindsay office)

Competition #0008-19 and 0009-19

For details, including responsibilities, requirements and salary range, visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



We would like to thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All information is collected solely for the purpose of job selection under the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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If interested, please send your cover letter and resume to:

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Areas of work include Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al.



PERMIT CLERK RECRUITMENT

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking a Permit Clerk to join our team. This position provides administrative assistance to the Building & By-law Department. A detailed job description is available at <http://www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/contract-and-employment-opportunities/> for your review.

Please submit a resume and cover letter, preferably by email, no later than noon on April 24, 2019 to the attention of **Cheryl Coulson, Clerk at ccoulson@dysartetal.ca**

Alternatively, your submission may be mailed to P.O. Box 389, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0

We thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request.

The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

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400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



ICF Installer/Labourer

Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton County for over 80 years is looking for an ICF Installer/Labourer

- Full time permanent seasonal position
- Outdoor construction
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based out of Carnarvon
- Training provided
- Monday to Friday work schedule
- Starts spring 2019
- Prior experience with ICF construction, using AMVIC block, an asset
- Ability to read and interpret building plans an asset
- Candidates must be over 18 years old and should hold a valid G2 driver's license
- Candidates must be physically fit for outdoor work

If you require accommodation during the interviewing process, please advise

Contact us by email
excavate@thomascontracting.on.ca
Fax 705-489-1887
Or drop in at
15561 HWY 35,
Algonquin Highlands, ON

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Equipment Operator

Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton County for over 80 years is looking for Equipment Operator

- Full time permanent seasonal position
- Medical benefit and pension opportunities
- Outdoor construction
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based out of Carnarvon
- Monday to Friday work schedule
- Starts spring 2019
- High school diploma an asset but not required
- Minimum 3 yrs. experience operating construction equipment (excavator, loader, dozer)
- Valid G driver's license required
- Candidates must be physically fit for outdoor work
- Strong communication skills an asset

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400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Truck Driver

Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton County for over 80 years is looking for a Truck Driver

- Full time permanent seasonal position
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based out of Carnarvon
- Monday to Friday work schedule
- Starts spring 2019
- Must hold a valid AZ/DZ driver's license, with a clean abstract
- Experience operating around heavy equipment an asset

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Labour Position

Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton County for over 80 years is looking for a Labourer

- Full time permanent seasonal position
- Outdoor construction
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based out of Carnarvon
- Training provided
- Monday to Friday work schedule
- Starts spring 2019
- High school diploma an asset but not required
- Candidates must be over 18 years old and should hold a valid G2 driver's license
- Candidates must be physically fit for outdoor work
- Knowledge of power equipment an asset

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Cleaning Services

Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks 1 Staff SEASONAL (May-Oct) \$14.00/hr
Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks 2 Staff SEASONAL (June-Sept) \$14.00/hr

We are looking for Cleaners to care for our facilities by providing a high standard of cleaning and light maintenance duties. The goal is to keep all facilities in a clean and orderly condition. Responsibilities are to clean and stock designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.), carry out heavy cleansing tasks and special projects, notify management of occurring deficiencies or needs for repairs, stock and maintain supply rooms, cooperate with the rest of the staff, follow all health and safety regulations, knowledge of cleaning chemicals and supplies, familiarity with Material Safety Data Sheets. Up to 40 hour work week Spring and Fall. Up to 48 hour work week Summer (6 days). Daily and Evening shifts available. (June-Sept) NO ACCOMODATION PROVIDED.

Night Patrol

Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks contract (May-June, September) \$18.00/hr

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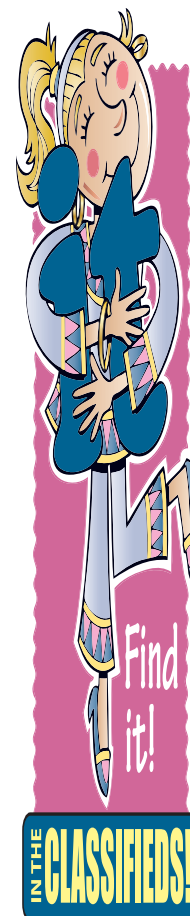
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Visitation, Memorial Service Reception

Dave's life will be celebrated forever by those who knew and loved him. He will be remembered and honoured at two Memorial Services. The first will take place April 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at COLBORNE STREET UNITED CHURCH, 711 Colborne St., London, Ontario. The second will be April 20, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH, 21 Newcastle St., Minden, Ontario with a visitation starting at 10:30 a.m. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Mission and Service, United Church of Canada or Places for People would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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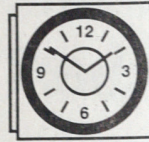
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Local clubs put on their annual skating shows
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Students fear loss of spirit with budget cuts

by KEITH MCKELVEY
HHSS Co-op Student

High school students are realizing what they could be losing next year if the Board of Education goes ahead with its budget cuts.

This year, the board's proposed expenses totalled \$17,566,285 – an increase of 6.95 per cent over last year. Since the trustees want a zero per cent budget increase this year, the board is considering cuts to some programs.

Last month, the board proposed cuts of \$500,000, which brought the increase down to 3.9 per cent. This money must be cut from somewhere, and many of the suggested cuts would affect the students.

The proposed cuts start with getting rid of all in-county special transportation. Up until now, teachers could take their students anywhere in the county, and the school board would pay for the

bus.

Photocopy usage may also be cut partially. "We'll have to write more notes," says Grade 10 student Janene Garbutt.

Some bus route lengths may be shortened and students would have to walk up to one kilometre to a main road. "It will mean more of a hassle in the morning. Students are lazy, and they won't want to walk that far in the mornings, so that can be an excuse for them not to go to school," says Grade 12 student Kelly Morrison.

Also on the potential chopping block is all out-of-county busing, which would affect field trips.

The computer initiative may be cut, and that is the funding for improving and expanding the many computer systems at schools. Broad based technology may also be cut. This is the new program for grade nines, to experience technology classes as well as the academic ones at the high school.

The cut that concerns students

the most is all extra-curricular travel, and the late bus. "The cutting of the late bus means that many people won't be able to participate in sports. You need sports to get people motivated. I know I need sports to fill my life. Without sports, I would be bored," says Grade 11 student Colin Klages.

"With the removal of the late bus, there won't be any sports, because the kids won't be able to get a ride home from practices. Sports keeps a lot of kids going through the day. It will also be hard to stay for extra help in a subject after school, because there isn't a ride home," says Grade 12 student Craig Sisco.

Classmate Jaime Kent says "the cutting of sports will kill the incentive people already have for school. Cutting teams kills school spirit, and school spirit is the thing that makes the school more than just a learning environment."

Grade 9 student Ray Ranson says "Sports are important, because they are a great stress reliever, and they involve getting involved with other people."

"Without sports," agrees classmate Bryn Gray, "there is no school spirit, and without school spirit, there is no school, because it can't be judged just by academics."

New board takes on the hospital issue

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Acting Health Services Board certainly has its job cut out for it. The 12 members will be responsible for charting the future of local hospitals, raising money to enhance those hospitals and then taking over control of their services.

And they're all volunteers from the community.

The board was appointed on Wednesday, which was the last time the Haliburton County Planning and Development Committee would ever meet. The new board is a continuation of a long process to provide better healthcare facilities and give

local people more control.

Over the next few months, the board must decide how to move ahead with the province's promise of \$6.5-million. The Ministry of Health has agreed to fund two-thirds of the cost of adding 30 long-term care beds to Haliburton Hospital, improving emergency facilities in both Minden and Haliburton and, in essence, moving Minden Hospital to Hyland Crest. It will also fund half of the cost of upgrading Hyland Crest.

To achieve these goals, the board must first decide what services best suit the needs of Highlands residents.

"There are lots of opportunities to explore new ways of doing things and critically examine

what they really need," says Annabelle Garland, the district manager with the Ministry of Health's institutions branch. "The changes in healthcare and technology have been dramatic. It's not the number of beds that's a determination of services anymore. We're providing more, on average, healthcare services because of the auxiliary services – things we can do on an out-patient basis."

The board will have to investigate some of the new ways healthcare is being provided. How many acute care beds are needed in the county? (The province says they must be located at one site.) Is it better to provide

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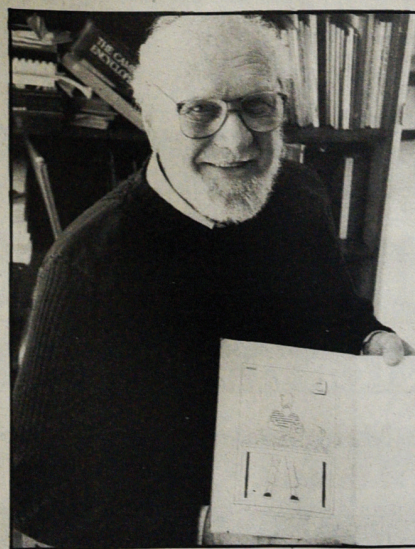


SWEET SPRING: Grade 9 biology students at HHSS got a taste of spring when their class tapped the maple trees behind J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. After cooling a ladle of recently-boiled maple syrup in the snow, Danny Wright, Ben Ripley and Josh Schell taste the fruits of their labour.

Easter holiday schedule

The Echo will be closed on Good Friday so advertising and editorial deadlines have been moved up to Thursday at 5 p.m. We will be working on Monday, however, so you can still expect to get your Echo on Tuesday.

In the meantime, we would like to wish our readers and advertisers a happy Easter holiday.



The Great Escape:

Haliburton resident Peter Hoad shares his memory of life in the Stalag Luft III prisoner of war camp, which was the site of one of World War II's most daring and involved escapes

by PETER HOAD
Special to the Echo

LAST THURSDAY was the 50th anniversary of the great escape tunnel break from Stalag Luft III Prisoner of War Camp. It reminded me of my days there.

Stalag Luft III was known as Herman Goering's Wunder Camp and was run by his Luftwaffe to house captured Air Force officers.

It was at Sagan in Silesia in very sandy soil and supposedly to deter tunneling and escapes.

There were about 1,000 Aircrew P.O.W.s in the North compound and they started planning the big break around

Christmas 1942.

Among so many people there was a wide variety of pre-war skills and experiences. One of the most important for this venture was Canadian mining experience.

The first tunnel, named Tom, was only about 30 feet long when discovered in mid-1943 by Herman Glimnitz, one of the Luftwaffe security guards when he accidentally dug his probe iron spike in the edge of Tom's trap door.

The second tunnel, named Dick, became unsuitable because the Germans suddenly cut down the woods where it was to come up and built another compound there. So early in January 1944 work went full steam ahead on

the third tunnel – Harry.

The entrance to Harry was a trap door under the stove in a room which had been unsuccessfully searched at least six times, looking for just such trap doors.

The square tiles were taken out of the floor and fitted into a concrete tray so that the whole lot lifted out cleanly in one piece and done so that the edges were not noticeable.

Under this a vertical shaft dropped straight down for 30 feet.

It was estimated that this depth was necessary to not activate the security sound and motion detectors with which the camp was equipped.

Thirty feet down an under-

ground pumping chamber was built and an air pump was devised from a kit bag rather like a push pull bellows to keep the air fresh.

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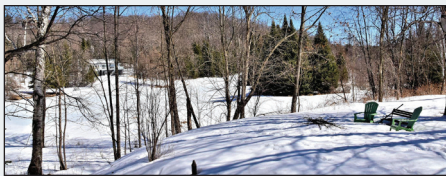
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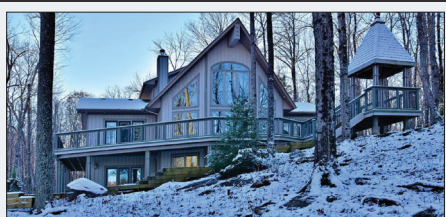
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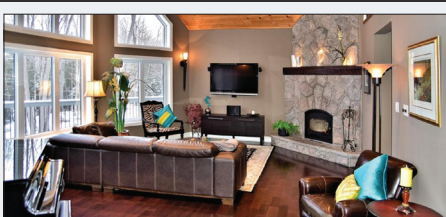
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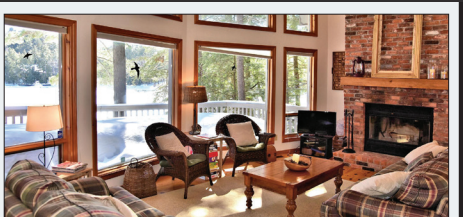
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